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YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM.
I WAS ONCE THE SAME AS YOU. INNOCENT AND PURE. FREE TO ROAM THE HUMAN WORLD...
BUT NOW, ON THIS VERY MORNING...
I BEGIN LIFE ANEW, FOREVER CHANGED.
GAZE NOT UPON MY COUNTENANCE, LEST YOU KNOW THE DEEPEST ROOTS OF ALL FEAR.
FLINT, WOULD YOU QUIT GOOFING OFF?
GET DOWNSTAIRS. MOM AND DAD ARE LEAVING.
A KID CAN'T EVEN PRETEND AROUND HERE ANYMORE...
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE LENT YOU MY KAFKA ANTHOLOGY.

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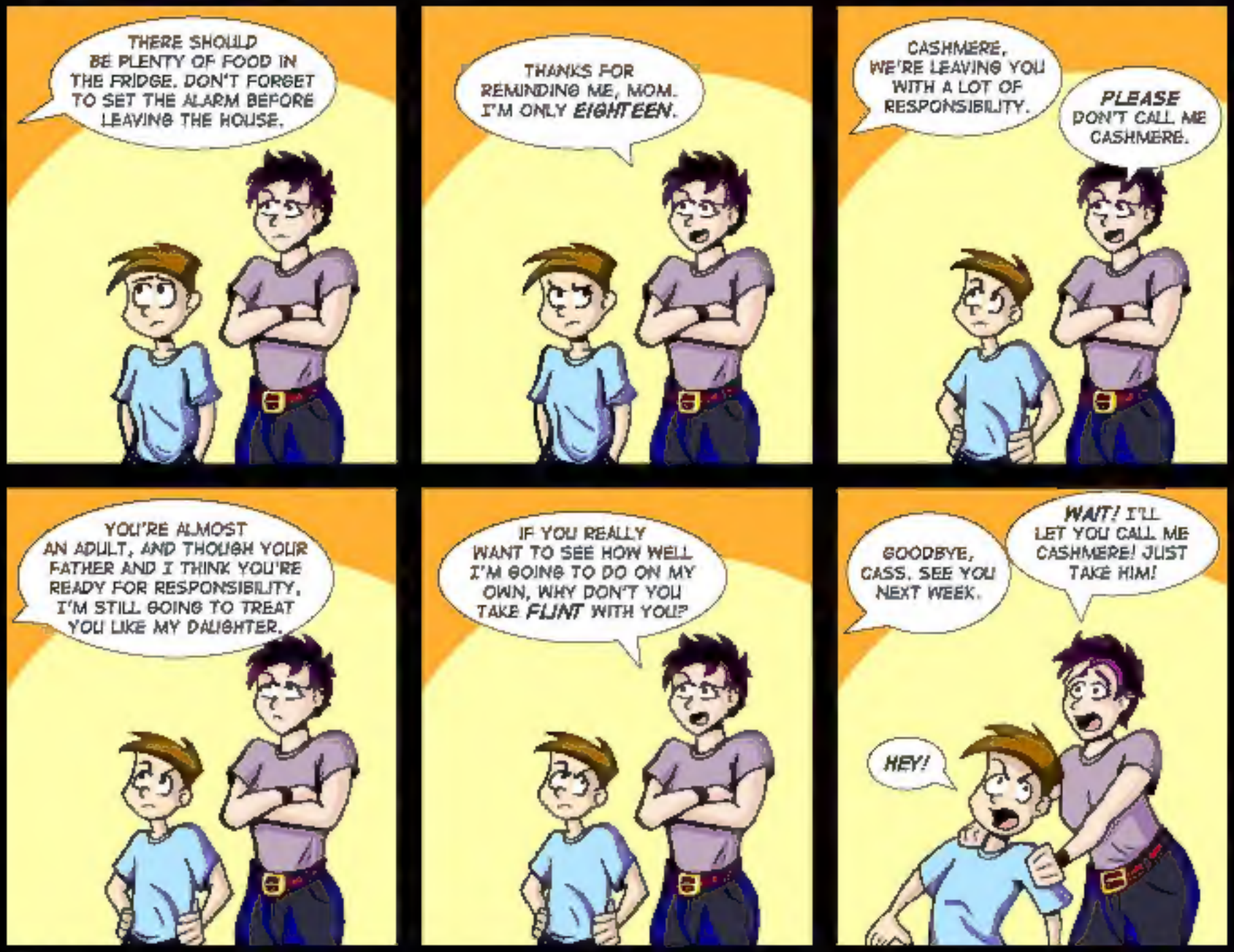
THERE SHOULD BE PLENTY OF FOOD IN THE FRIDGE. DON'T FORGET TO SET THE ALARM BEFORE LEAVING THE HOUSE.
THANKS FOR REMINDING ME, MOM. I'M ONLY EIGHTEEN.
CASHMERE, WE'RE LEAVING YOU WITH A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY.
PLEASE DON'T CALL ME CASHMERE.
YOU'RE ALMOST AN ADULT, AND THOUGH YOUR FATHER AND I THINK YOU'RE READY FOR RESPONSIBILITY, I'M STILL GOING TO TREAT YOU LIKE MY DAUGHTER.
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO SEE HOW WELL I'M GOING TO DO ON MY OWN, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE FLINT WITH YOU?
GOODBYE, CASS. SEE YOU NEXT WEEK.
WAIT! I'LL LET YOU CALL ME CASHMERE! JUST TAKE HIM!
HEY!

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I DON'T *WANT* TO GO TO YOUR BORING FUNDRAISER.
TOUGH. YOU SHOULD GO CHANGE. IT'S ALMOST TIME.
BUT THERE'S A NEW BATTLESTAR GALACTICA ON TONIGHT!
AND WHEN THEY FIND EARTH, I'LL PERSONALLY APOLOGIZE TO THEM FOR ALL OF THIS.
WHY CAN'T YOU HIRE A BABY-SITTER?
I *TRIED*. IT'S A FRIDAY NIGHT AND THEY'VE ALL GOT OTHER APPOINTMENTS.
I PROMISE I WON'T TELL MOM AND DAD YOU LEFT ME ALONE.
FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, FLINT, THIS EVENT IS *EXTREMELY* IMPORTANT TO ME. PLEASE JUST BE PATIENT AND HANG OUT FOR A COUPLE HOURS.
IF YOU *DO*, I'LL LET YOU STAY UP AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES AS LATE AS YOU WANT.
SO, WHICH IS MORE CLASSY, THE TRANSFORMERS LOGO SHIRT OR THE "GAME OVER" MUSHROOM?

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WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT THIS THING, ANYWAY?
ATTIC AUDITORIUM
UNASSUMING-YET-RIDICULOUSLY WELL-FUNDED PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR BURGEONING SCIENTIFIC MINDS

AND SO, TONIGHT WE'RE HOLDING A DINNER WHERE EVERYONE PRESENTS THEIR PROJECTS FOR RICH IDIOTS TO GAWK AT AND WRITE UP CHECKS.

BUT OUR PARENTS ARE SUPER RICH. AREN'T THEY PAYING A TON JUST TO KEEP YOU IN SCHOOL?
EVERYONE'S ARE, BUT THE TEACHERS INSIST THIS IS GOOD BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.

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--EACH ONE HAS COME UP WITH THEIR THESIS ENTIRELY ON THEIR OWN.
SO WHEN DOES THE CHECK-WRITING START?
SHHH. THEY'RE OPENING WITH A SPEECH.

I'M SURE YOU WILL SEE SOME FANTASTIC BREAKTHROUGHS COME NEXT JUNE.
NOW, LADIES, GENTLEMEN, AND OUR DISTINGUISHED SENIORS, PLEASE WELCOME THE HEADMISTRESS OF OUR FINE SCHOOL, JENNIFER ATTIC!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIN. EVERYONE, MY HUSBAND SINBAD IS MAKING A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THIS COMPETITION. I ENCOURAGE ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO KEEP AN OPEN DOOR FOR HIS CAMERA CREW.
SURE, THAT WON'T DISRUPT OUR PROJECTS TOO MUCH.

WHEN I FOUNDED THIS SCHOOL, I WANTED EVERY CHILD TO HAVE THE KIND OF OPEN, ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES THAT I WISHED I HAD WHEN I WAS A STUDENT. HERE, THE NEXT GENERATION HAS THE BEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACHIEVE WONDERS WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEGUN TO IMAGINE.

AND NOW LET'S GET TO IT! I'M SURE THE STUDENTS HAVE REHEARSED THEIR PITCHES TO DEATH AND ARE EAGER TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THEIR PROJECTS.

YES! AND DON'T FORGET TO SPEAK LOUD ENOUGH FOR THE BOOM MIKE!
MAYBE WE SHOULD STAY OUT OF THE PAYING SPONSORS' WAY FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE, SIN.

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MY TABLE IS OVER HERE. HOPEFULLY I'M GONNA BE BUSY SHAKING HANDS AND TALKING NICE TO PEOPLE, SO YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO FIND SOMETHING TO DO.
YEAH, I BROUGHT MY DS.
AND FOR MY NEXT TRICK, I'LL BE JUGGLING SIX BALLS WITH FLAWLESS PRECISION AND GRACE.
WHAT THE HELL?
ASH?!
WOAH!
CAAAASS! YOU JUST RUINED MY DEMONSTRATION!
WHAT IS THAT?!
SWEET! A ROBOTIC ARM!
NOT ROBOTIC, MY YOUNG FRIEND... ORGANIC.
EEN!
WITH THE NEW GENE THERAPY I'M DEVELOPING, THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE WORRY ABOUT INCOMPATABLE MEDICAL TRANSPLANTS.
I'VE COMPLETELY ELIMINATED THE POSSIBILITY OF MY BODY REJECTING THE ARM GRAFT!
PUNCH
OF COURSE, I STILL HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO KEEP THE ARM GRAFT FROM REJECTING MY BODY...

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HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND.
NOT YET.
WHAT'S WITH THE JERSEY? A LITTLE INFORMAL FOR A NIGHT LIKE THIS.
IT WAS THE ONLY THING THAT FIT MY NEW ARM WITHOUT NEEDING A HOLE PUNCHED IN IT.
ANYWAY, YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, MISS FISHNETS.
CAN'T ARGUE THERE. YOU AND YOUR ARMS HAVE FUN RAKING IN THE CASH.
WILL DO.
KICK
SO WHAT'S YOUR PROJECT ABOUT, SIS? ARE YOU GOING TO GROW EXTRA EYES?
ASH MIGHT ENJOY BEING A MUTANT, BUT MY EXPERIMENTS ARE A LITTLE MORE MAINSTREAM.
I'VE GOT A GENE THERAPY IN DEVELOPMENT THAT CAN ALTER THE PIGMENTATION OF SKIN CELLS.
WITH THE PROPER APPLICATION I CAN CREATE ANY PATTERN OR COLOR.
WAIT, YOU'RE MAKING TATTOOS?
UNFADING, PAINLESS, AND EASY TO REMOVE WITH ZERO SCARRING.
CAN I BE A TEST SUBJECT?
NO.
HRMMM.
HEY, GO GET YOURSELF SOME PUNCH. THE TABLE'S OVER THERE.
THEN FIND SOMEONE TO TALK TO ABOUT KAFKA. JUST MOVE IT!
BUT I'M NOT THIRSTY.
WE MEET AGAIN...
CASHMERE CALLOWAY.

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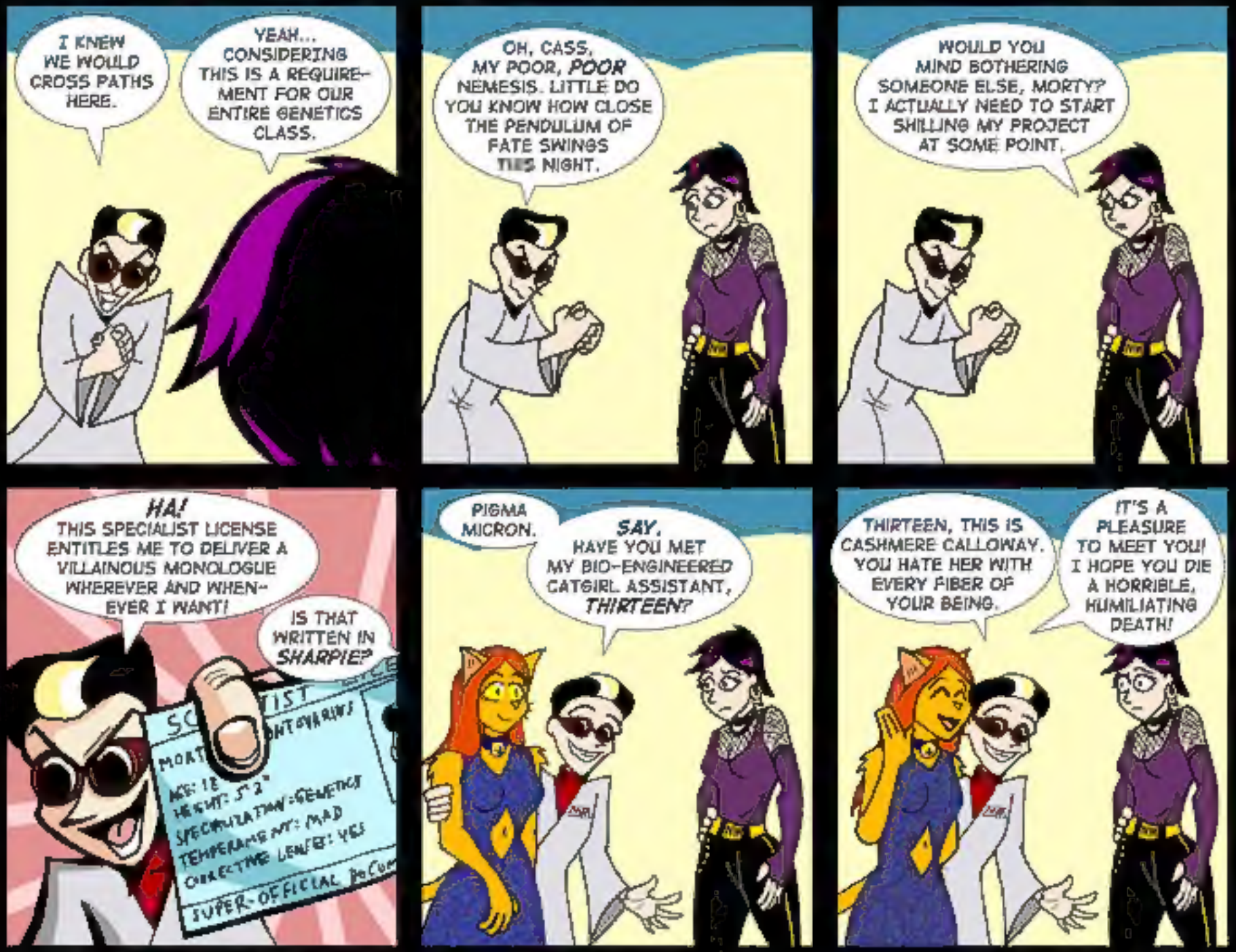
I KNEW WE WOULD CROSS PATHS HERE.
YEAH... CONSIDERING THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR OUR ENTIRE GENETICS CLASS.
OH, CASS, MY POOR, POOR NEMESIS. LITTLE DO YOU KNOW HOW CLOSE THE PENDULUM OF FATE SWINGS THIS NIGHT.
WOULD YOU MIND BOTHERING SOMEONE ELSE, MORTY? I ACTUALLY NEED TO START SHILLING MY PROJECT AT SOME POINT.
HA! THIS SPECIALIST LICENSE ENTITLES ME TO DELIVER A VILLAINOUS MONOLOGUE WHEREVER AND WHENEVER I WANT!
IS THAT WRITTEN IN SHARPIE?
AGE: 12
HEIGHT: 5'2"
SPECULATION: GENETICS
TEMPERAMENT: MAD
CORRECTIVE LENSES: YES
SUPER-OFFICIAL
PIGMA MICRON.
SAY, HAVE YOU MET MY BIO-ENGINEERED CATGIRL ASSISTANT, THIRTEEN?
THIRTEEN, THIS IS CASHMERE CALLOWAY. YOU HATE HER WITH EVERY FIBER OF YOUR BEING.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU! I HOPE YOU DIE A HORRIBLE, HUMILIATING DEATH!

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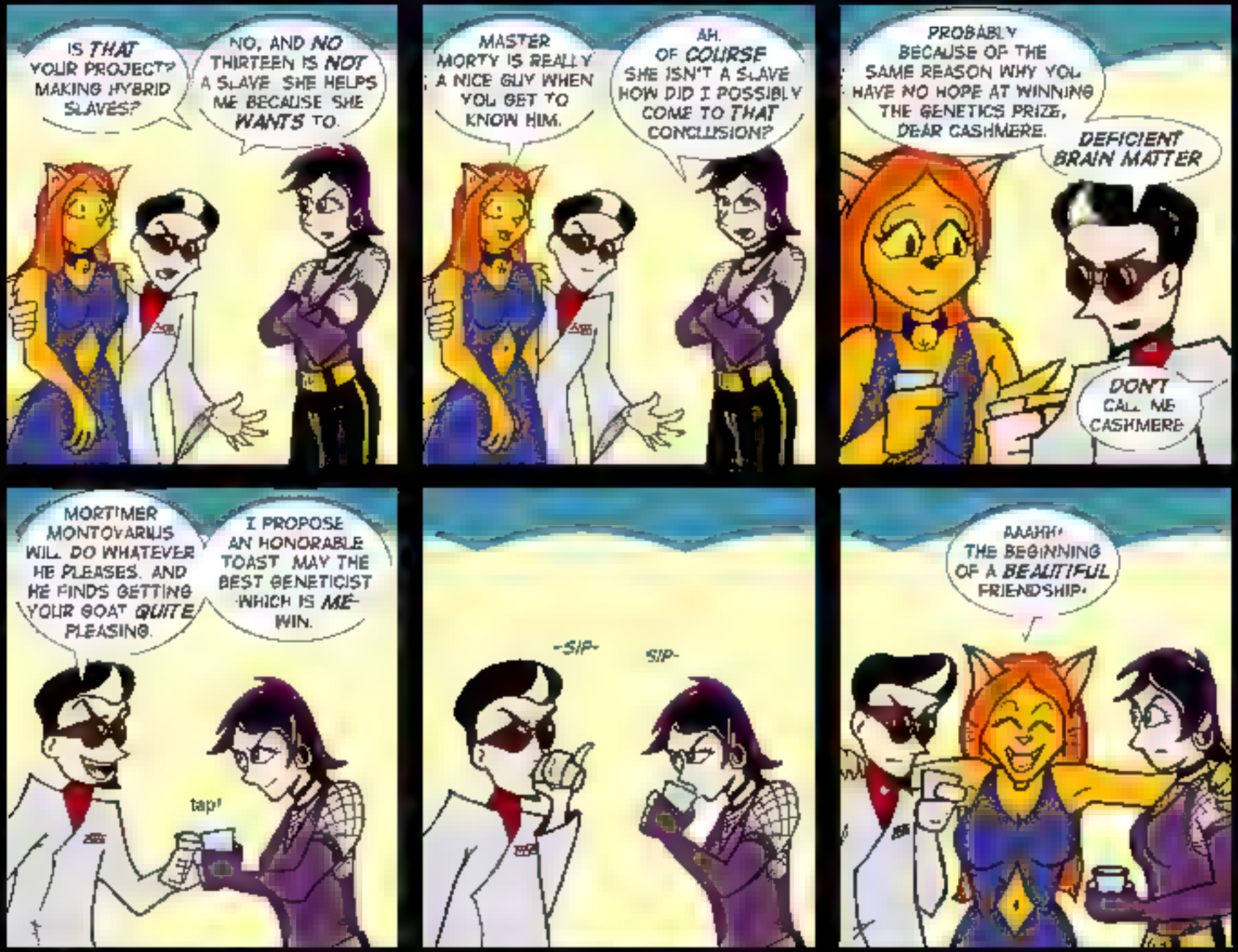
IS THAT YOUR PROJECT? MAKING HYBRID SLAVES?
NO, AND NO THIRTEEN IS NOT A SLAVE SHE HELPS ME BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO.
MASTER MORTY IS REALLY A NICE GUY WHEN YOU GET TO KNOW HIM.
AH. OF COURSE SHE ISN'T A SLAVE HOW DID I POSSIBLY COME TO THAT CONCLUSION?
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE SAME REASON WHY YOU HAVE NO HOPE AT WINNING THE GENETICS PRIZE, DEAR CASHMERE.
DEFICIENT BRAIN MATTER
DON'T CALL ME CASHMERE
MORTIMER MONTOVARIUS WILL DO WHATEVER HE PLEASES. AND HE FINDS GETTING YOUR GOAT QUITE PLEASING.
I PROPOSE AN HONORABLE TOAST MAY THE BEST GENETICIST WHICH IS ME- WIN.
tap!
-SIP-
SIP-
AAAHH! THE BEGINNING OF A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP!

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HI
THIS PLACE SURE HAS SOME CRAZY PROJECTS GOING ON, DOESN'T IT?
I'M FLINT
CASS' BROTHER
WELL IT WAS GOOD TALKING TO YOU.
I'M GONNA HIT UP THOSE HOT POCKETS.

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HI LITTLE GUY!
UH... SORRY, MY MOM TOLD ME NEVER TO TALK TO STRANGE ANIME CLICHÉS.
OH, I LOVE ANIME! WHAT SERIES DO YOU LIKE?
WELL, I JUST FINISHED WATCHING FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST AND IT WAS OKAY
I LIKED THAT TOO! LET'S HAVE SOME PUNCH AND TALK ABOUT OUR FAVORITE CHARACTERS!
THANKS. ACTUALLY I WOULD THINK YOU'D BE MORE INTERESTED IN ANIME LIKE DI-GI CHARAT OR MEW MEW---
ACK!
I HAVEN'T HEARD OF THOSE, BUT THANKS FOR THE SUGGESTION!
BYE NOW!

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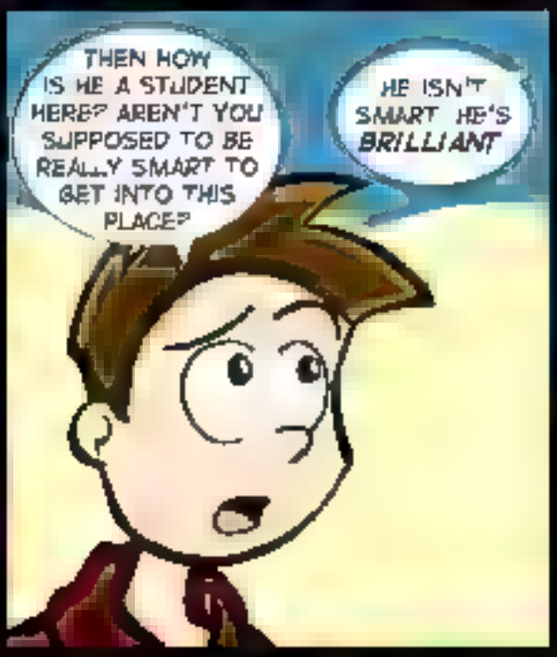
AND WHAT ABOUT TALL, DARK AND SILENT BACK THERE? HE SEEMS LIKE AS MUCH FUN AS A BRICK WALL.
WHO, DEMETRIUS? YOU WON'T GET ANYWHERE WITH HIM, FRANK



JUST BECAUSE HE CAN'T COMMUNICATE DOESN'T MEAN HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND US. HE'S READ EVERY BOOK IN THE LIBRARY TWICE.
DEMETRIUS VERTTRONI IS PROBABLY THE SMARTEST PERSON IN THIS SCHOOL.
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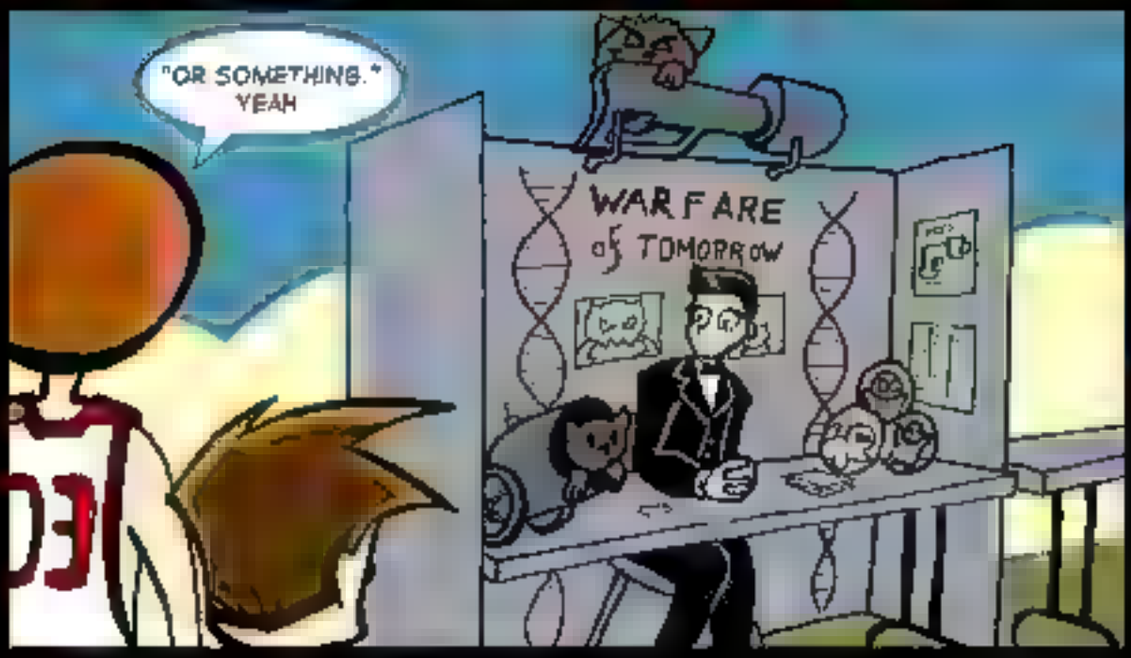

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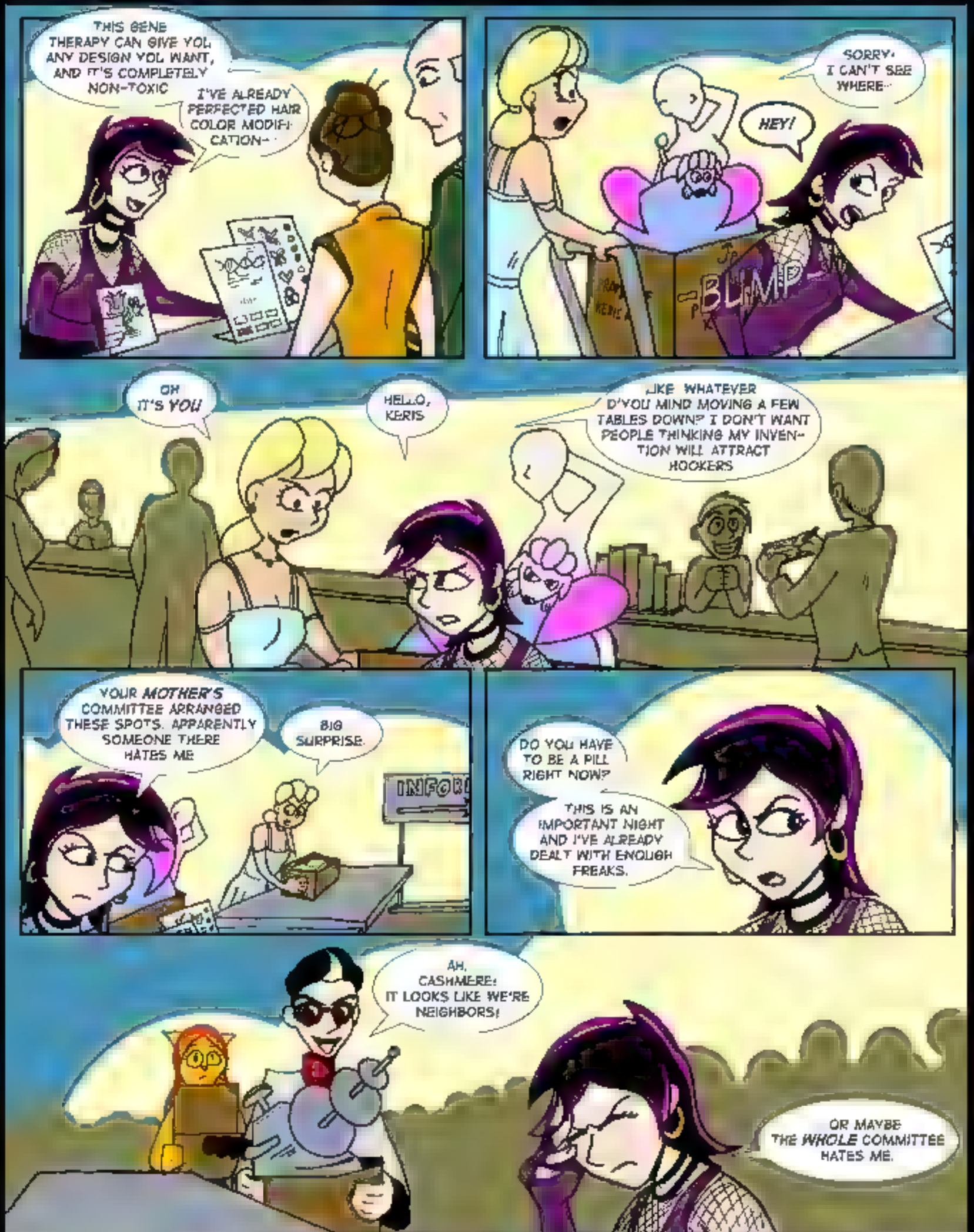
THIS GENE THERAPY CAN GIVE YOU ANY DESIGN YOU WANT, AND IT'S COMPLETELY NON-TOXIC
I'VE ALREADY PERFECTED HAIR COLOR MODIFICATION--
SORRY. I CAN'T SEE WHERE--
HEY!
BUMP
OH IT'S YOU
HELLO, KERIS
LIKE WHATEVER D'YOU MIND MOVING A FEW TABLES DOWN? I DON'T WANT PEOPLE THINKING MY INVENTION WILL ATTRACT HOOKERS
YOUR MOTHER'S COMMITTEE ARRANGED THESE SPOTS. APPARENTLY SOMEONE THERE HATES ME
BIG SURPRISE.
DO YOU HAVE TO BE A PILL RIGHT NOW?
THIS IS AN IMPORTANT NIGHT AND I'VE ALREADY DEALT WITH ENOUGH FREAKS.
AH, CASHMERE! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NEIGHBORS!
OR MAYBE THE WHOLE COMMITTEE HATES ME.

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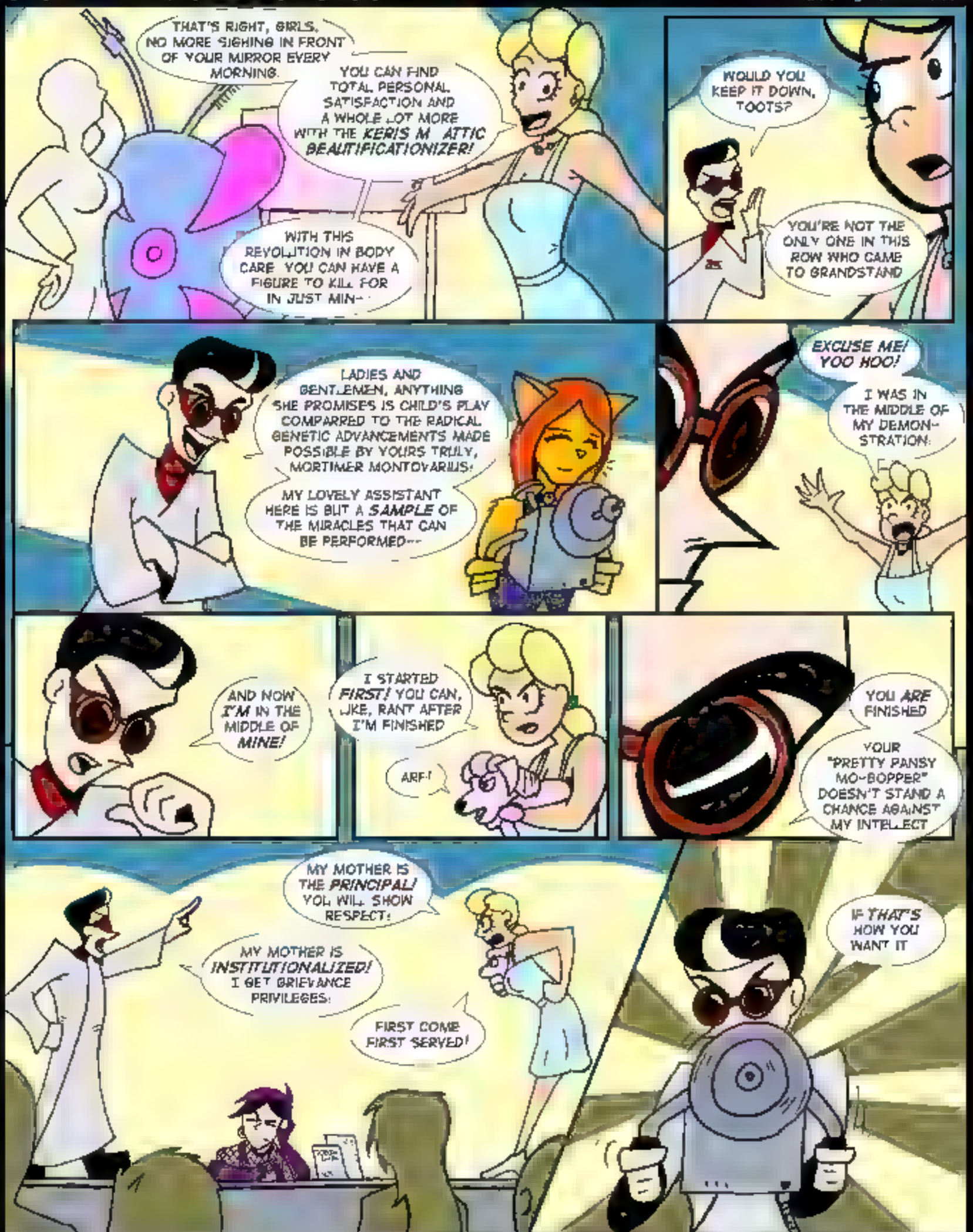
THAT'S RIGHT, GIRLS. NO MORE SIGHING IN FRONT OF YOUR MIRROR EVERY MORNING.
YOU CAN FIND TOTAL PERSONAL SATISFACTION AND A WHOLE LOT MORE WITH THE KERIS M ATTIC BEAUTIFICATIONIZER!
WITH THIS REVOLUTION IN BODY CARE YOU CAN HAVE A FIGURE TO KILL FOR IN JUST MIN--
WOULD YOU KEEP IT DOWN, TOOTS?
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THIS ROW WHO CAME TO GRANDSTAND
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ANYTHING SHE PROMISES IS CHILD'S PLAY COMPARED TO THE RADICAL GENETIC ADVANCEMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOURS TRULY, MORTIMER MONTOVARIUS!
MY LOVELY ASSISTANT HERE IS BUT A SAMPLE OF THE MIRACLES THAT CAN BE PERFORMED---
EXCUSE ME! YOO HOO!
I WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF MY DEMON-STRATION.
AND NOW I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF MINE!
I STARTED FIRST! YOU CAN, LIKE, RANT AFTER I'M FINISHED
ARF!
YOU ARE FINISHED
YOUR "PRETTY PANSY MO-BOPPER" DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY INTELLECT
MY MOTHER IS THE PRINCIPAL! YOU WILL SHOW RESPECT!
MY MOTHER IS INSTITUTIONALIZED! I GET GRIEVANCE PRIVILEGES.
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!
IF THAT'S HOW YOU WANT IT

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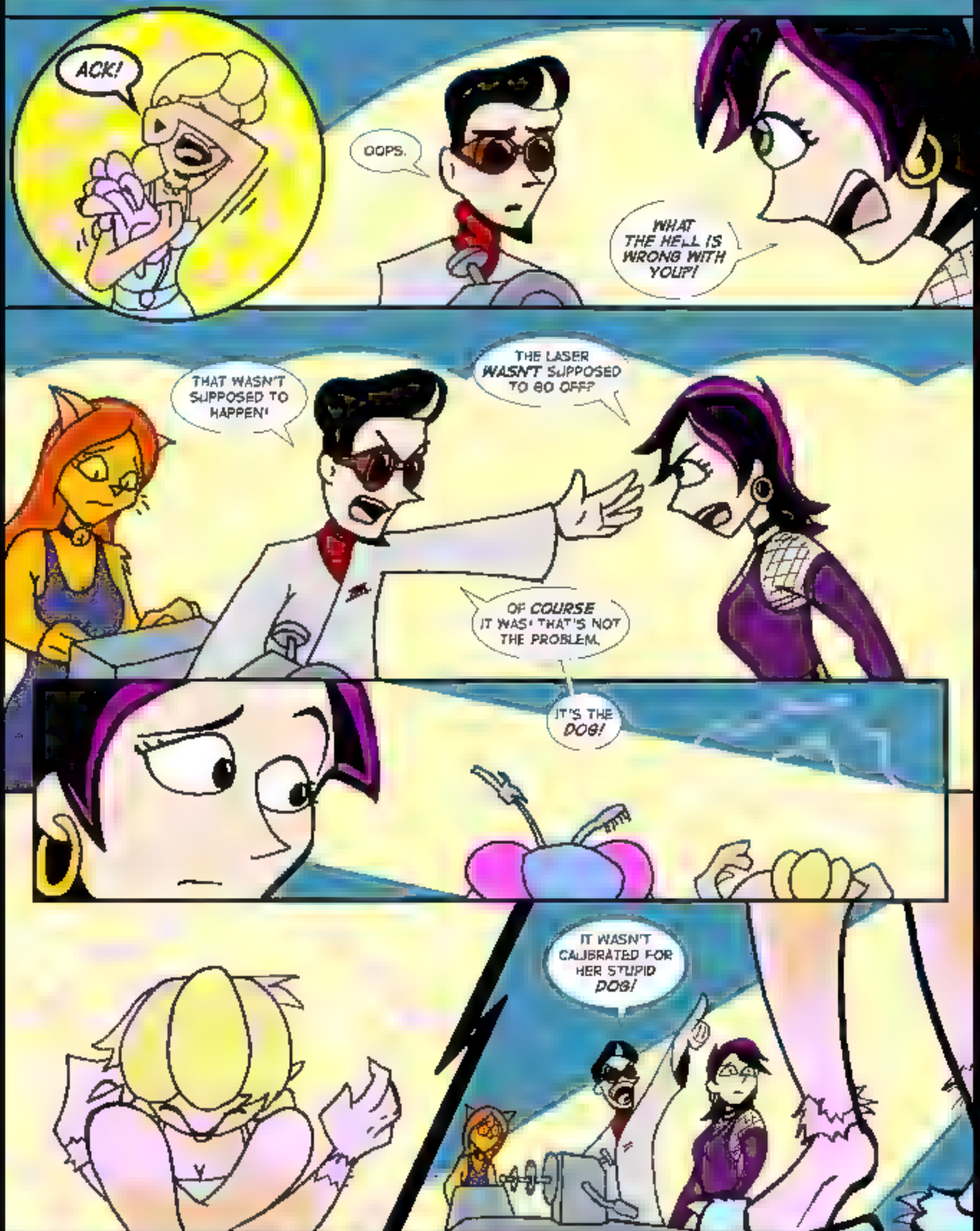
ACK!
OOPS.
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU?!
THAT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!
THE LASER *WASN'T* SUPPOSED TO GO OFF?
OF *COURSE* IT WAS! THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM.
IT'S THE *DOG!*
IT WASN'T CALIBRATED FOR HER STUPID *DOG!*

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MORTY YOU CAN FIX THIS, RIGHT?
OF COURSE! I JUST HAVE TO EH.
THE PROTOCOLS DON'T RECOGNIZE THE CANIS SEQUENCES!
I KNOW! THIS IS ONLY PROGRAMMED TO AUGMENT HUMAN CHARACTERISTICS, NOT---
LOOK OUT!
SMASH
GET THIS GIRL. SHE EVEN SUCKS AT BEING A MONSTER
SHE'S GOING TO KILL US!

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DEMETRIUS IS BREEDING HIS OWN BRAND OF BIOLOGICAL WARFARE
I TOLD HIM HE SHOULD CALL IT "LIVE AMMO." BUT HE HASN'T DECIDED
I'M HIS UNOFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, SINCE
YOU KNOW
HE CAN'T TALK
RIGHT SO I ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS FOR HIM.
I'VE GOT ONE
SHOOT
WHAT IS THAT THING AND WHY IS IT CHASING MY SISTER?
GROWWWLLRR!
I SEE GUNS AHEAD! WE'RE SAVED!

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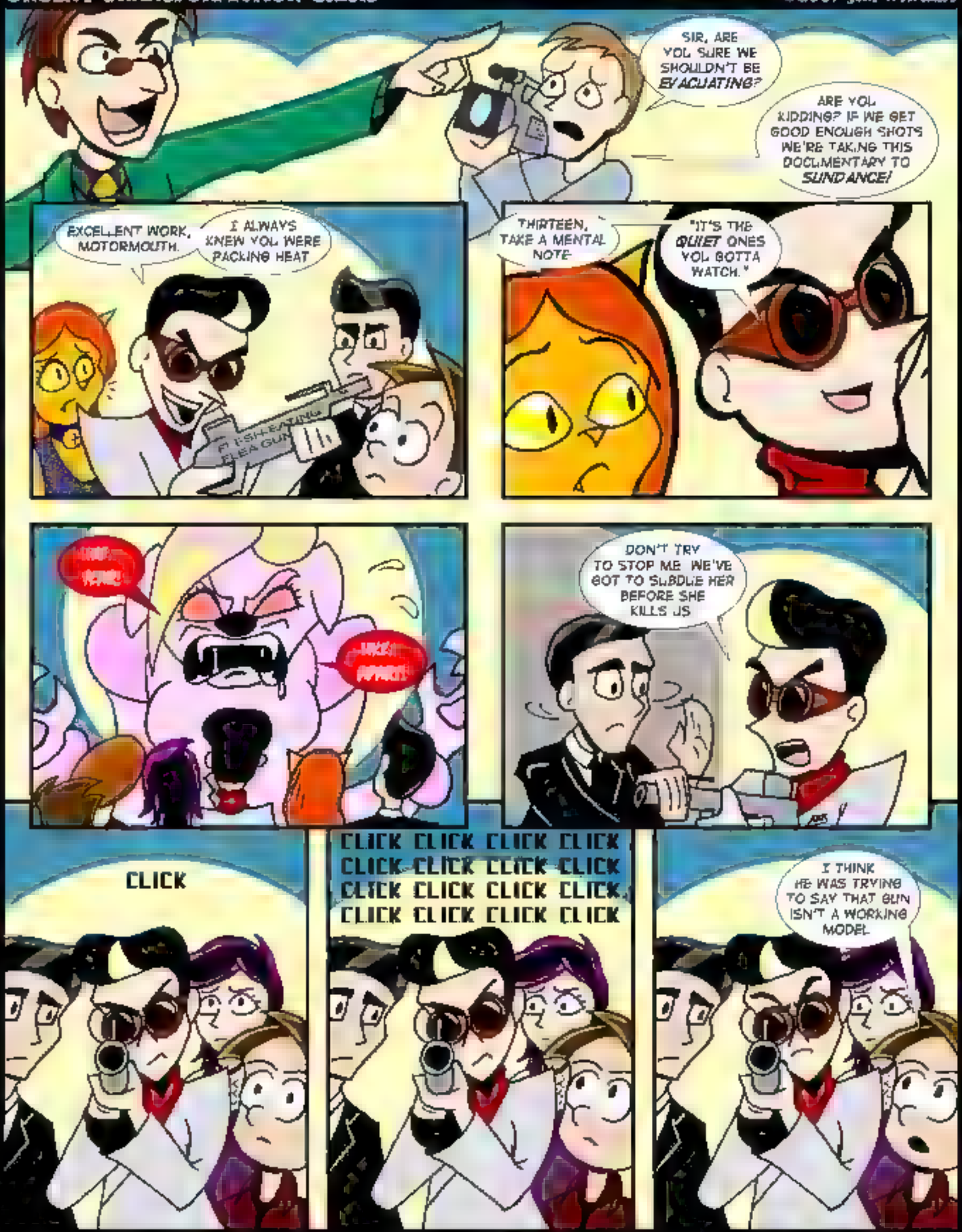
SIR, ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULDN'T BE EVACUATING?
ARE YOU KIDDING? IF WE GET GOOD ENOUGH SHOTS WE'RE TAKING THIS DOCUMENTARY TO SUNDANCE!
EXCELLENT WORK, MOTORMOUTH.
I ALWAYS KNEW YOU WERE PACKING HEAT
FISH-EATING FLEA GUN
THIRTEEN, TAKE A MENTAL NOTE
"IT'S THE QUIET ONES YOU GOTTA WATCH."
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME. WE'VE GOT TO SUBDUE HER BEFORE SHE KILLS US
CLICK
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
I THINK HE WAS TRYING TO SAY THAT GUN ISN'T A WORKING MODEL

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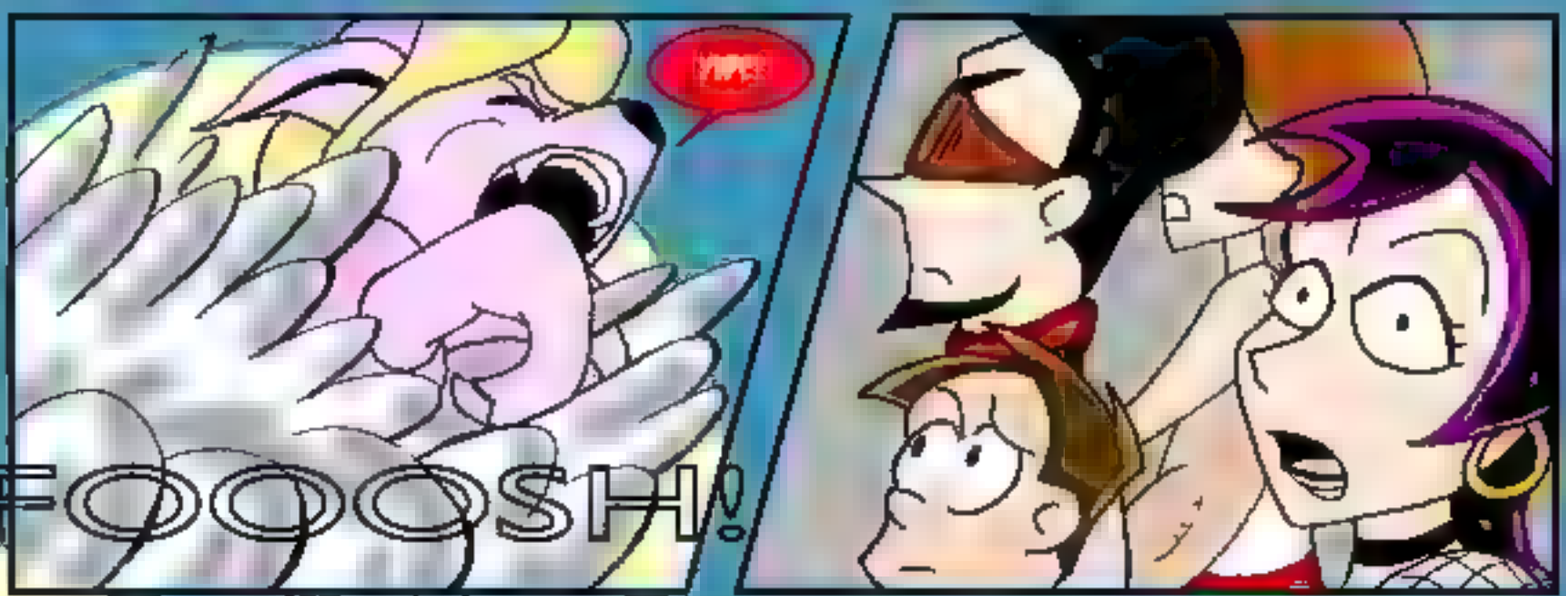
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M GOING TO GET KILLED BY A WERE-POODLE
I CAN'T BELIEVE I DON'T HAVE ANY GOOD LAST WORDS
I CAN'T BELIEVE I M GOING TO MISS THE NEW SEASON OF HEROES!



SORRY I M LATE
EXIT
NOAH!
WHOSE RUNAWAY EXPERIMENT WAS THAT?
MORTY ACCIDENTALLY MERGED KERIS ATTIC'S BODY WITH HER DOG.
HMM. CAN'T SAY IT ISN'T AN MPROVEMENT
CAN WE RUN AWAY NOW, PLEASE?

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I WAS JUST TRYING TO ENHANCE HER FIGURE TO COMICAL PROPORTIONS! IT'S NOT MY FAULT SHE WAS CARRYING THAT DOG OF HERS!
THE MACHINE MORTY USED
DID IT HAVE THREE CATHODE CENTRALIZERS AND A SEPARATE POWER SOURCE?
YEAH.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
YOU'RE NOT GOING BACK IN THERE?
AFTER I GET SOMETHING FROM MY CAR
NOAH!

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WOULD YOU SAY YOUR INVENTION WAS AN OVERALL SUCCESS, MASTER MORTY?
THAT'S A SAFE ASSUMPTION THIS IMPROMPTU FIELD TEST CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT AID FOR MY RESEARCH
YOU'RE UNBELIEVABLE. KERIS IS GOING THROUGH HELL RIGHT NOW, AND IT'S YOUR FAULT
ASHTON, PLEASE.
MISTAKES WERE MADE, BUT ISN'T THE IMPORTANT THING IN THIS SITUATION TO EXAMINE THE OUTCOME AND BE BETTER PREPARED FOR THE NEXT TIME?
I THINK A RESCUE OPERATION MIGHT BE A BETTER IDEA
ALREADY IN PROGRESS, TRIPLE-A.
YOU CAN'T! HALF THE BUILDING IS ON FIRE!
GOT THAT COVERED.
WHAT'S THAT?
ONE OF HIS FORMULAS

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HOW DID YOU ..?
USED..
KOFF
SALAMANDER SERUM.
KOFF
FIRE RESISTANCE
HE WHAT WITH THE HUH?
NOAH'S PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE HUMANS SPECIFIC ANIMAL TRAITS
SALAMANDERS CAN HANDLE HIGHER TEMPERATURES THAN WE CAN AND THIS FORMULA APPARENTLY MIMICS THAT
I WASN'T ABLE TO GET A COMPLETE REVERSAL
KOFF
NOT ENOUGH TIME
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO TO GET HER BACK TO NORMAL?
WELL.. ALMOST NORMAL?
LATELY MORTY'S BEEN CREATING INVENTIONS FROM THE NOTES HE BORROWED FROM ME FRESHMAN YEAR
COINCIDENCE! YOU CAN'T PROVE ANYTHING.
KERIS!
OH GOD KERIS!

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KERI'S CAN YOU HEAR ME?
THE SEVERITY OF THE MUTATION DROVE HER MAD, BUT SHE SHOULD BE FINE NOW
M.. MOM..
YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE .T'S ALL RIGHT
WE CAN GET HER BACK TO NORMAL ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS REBUILD MORTY'S MACHINE AND PHYSICALLY SEPARATE KERIS' DNA FROM HER DOG S
MORTIMER CASHMERE
DOCTOR ATTIC--
DO NOT TALK UNTIL I M FINISHED
I KNOW BOTH OF YOU HAVE BUTTED HEADS WITH KERIS IN THE PAST...
BUT THIS.
THIS IS WAY OVER THE LINE

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I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED BUT YOU WERE BOTH CLOSEST TO HER WHEN THIS STARTED.
THERE *WILL* BE AN INVESTIGATION. BLAME WILL BE ASSIGNED AND PUNISHMENT DISPENSED ONLY AFTER I'VE REVIEWED THE EVIDENCE.
I WANT TO SEE BOTH OF YOU IN MY OFFICE AT THE START OF SCHOOL ON MONDAY. *DON'T* SKIP *DON'T* BE LATE.
IF EITHER OR BOTH OF YOU ARE FOUND RESPONSIBLE, YOU'D BETTER HAVE A *DAMN* GOOD EXPLANATION
UNDERSTOOD?
YES DOCTOR
YES MA AM.
DOCTOR ATTIC, I'M SO SORRY
SAVE THE APOLOGIES FOR MONDAY
GOOD NIGHT
YOU ARE *SO* EXPELLED
I'M GOING TO PRAY THAT YOUR STUPID PRANKS DON'T RUIN *MY* RECORD
THEN I SUGGEST YOU PRAY *REALLY* HARD
I'LL SEE YOU ON MONDAY IF YOU'RE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SHOW UP
THIRTEEN, TAKE A MENTAL NOTE:
"DON'T FIRE THE LASER AT PEOPLE HOLDING DOGS."

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NIGHT SIS I'M GOING TO BED
SERIOUSLY? WHAT ABOUT YOUR VIDEO GAME?
I JUST DON'T FEEL GOOD ALL OF A SUDDEN
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN I'VE GOT A SERIOUS HEADACHE COMING ON.
HOPE WE DIDN'T CATCH SOMETHING ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S HAPPENED.
G'NIGHT
UGH.
WHAT THE...?

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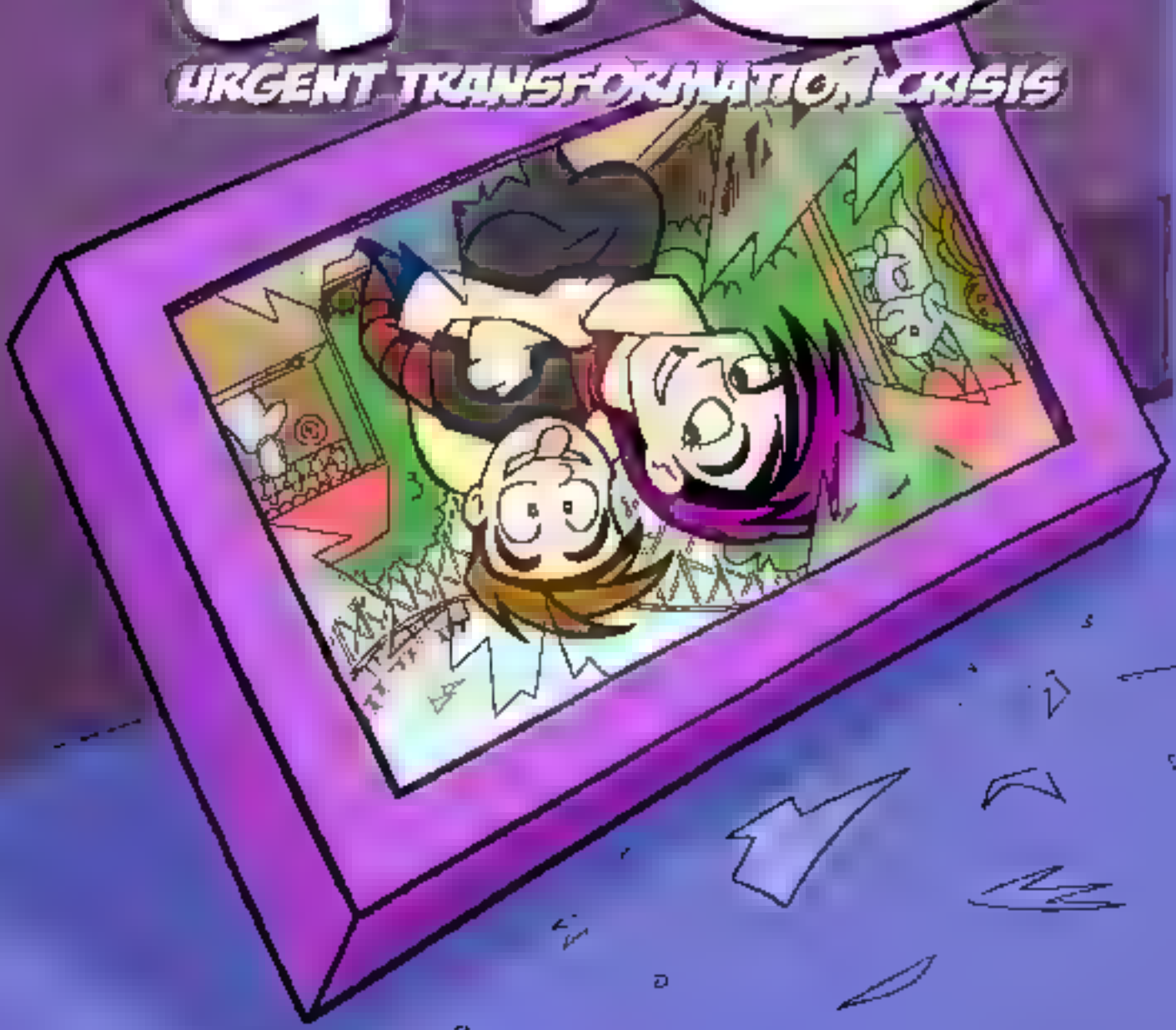

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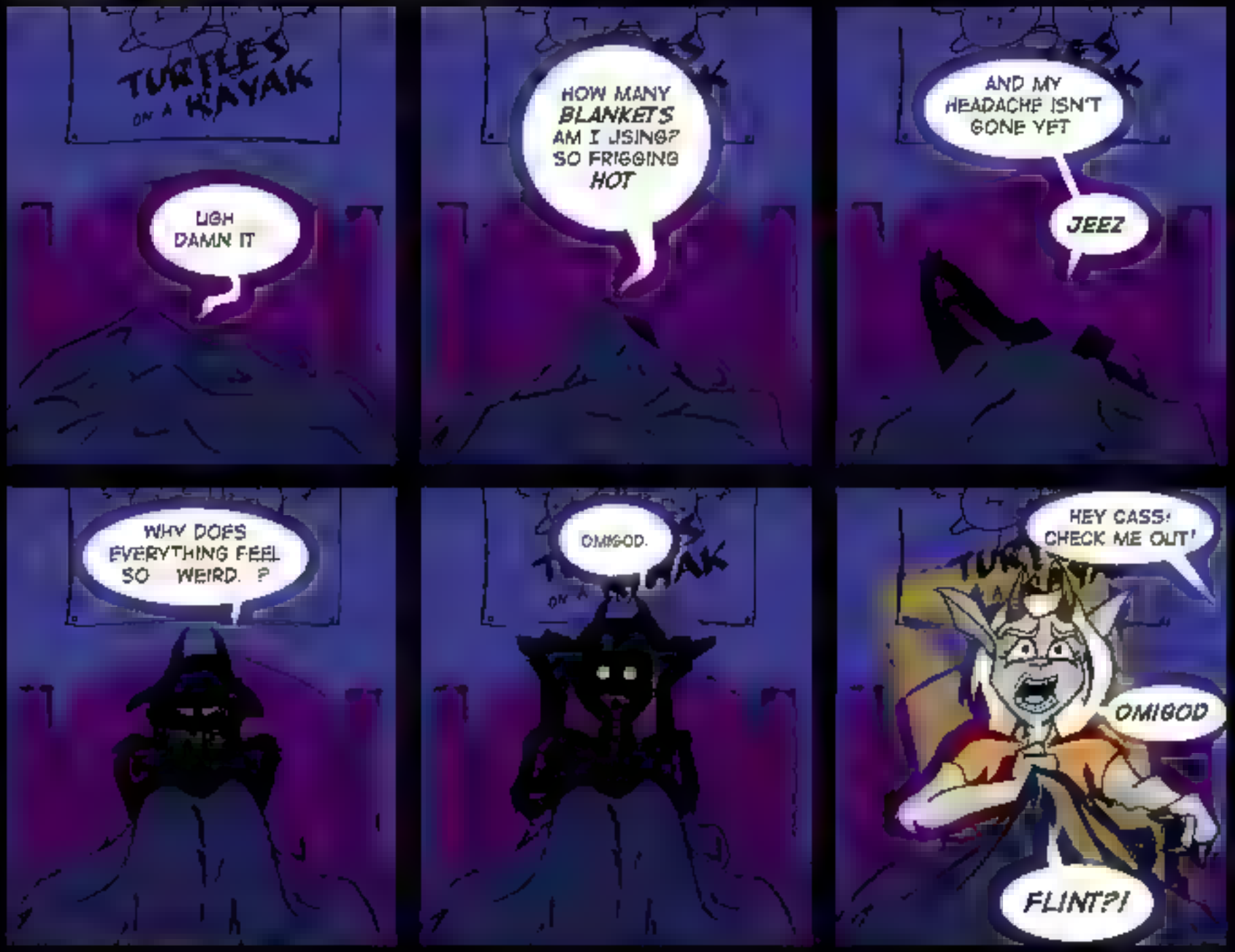

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WOAH. YOU CHANGED TOO?!
YOU'RE
YOU'RE A SQUIRREL?
FLYING SQUIRREL!
CHECK THESE OUT I BET THEY REALLY WORK!
DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT? DOES ANYTHING HURT?
"HURT?" DON'T YOU SEE HOW AWESOME THIS IS?!
FLINT! SOMETHING HAPPENED TO US! YOU'RE ACTING LIKE THIS IS JUST A DREAM!
ISN'T IT?
SQUEEE!
PINCHING HURTS WORSE WHEN YOU HAVE CLAWS

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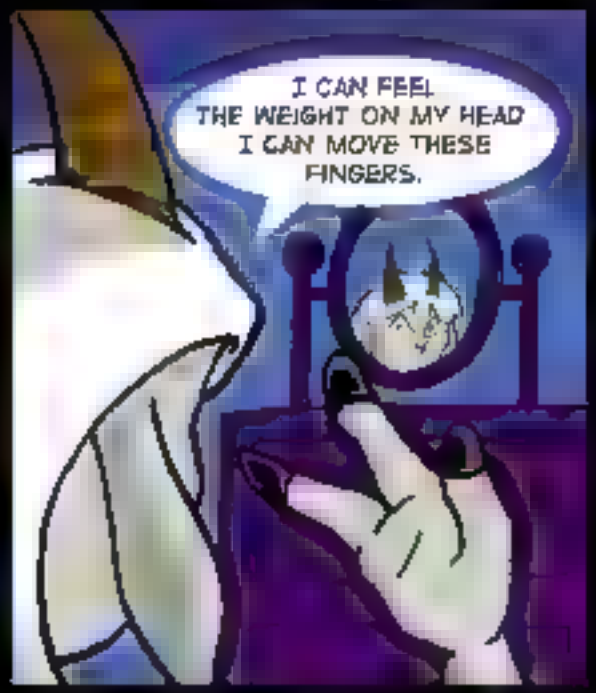

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FLINT! GET INSIDE RIGHT NOW!
WHAT IF SOMEBODY SEES YOU?
THEY'LL PROBABLY THINK I M JUST A FIGMENT OF THEIR IMAGINATION.
INSIDE! NOW!
I REALLY DON'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE SO WORKED UP ABOUT
YOU DON'T HUH?
YOU RE WAY TOO SERIOUS LAST NIGHT YOU WERE LIKE "WAAH I NEED TO GET A SPONSOR! WAAH, MORTY RUINED EVERYTHING!"
WE'RE EXPERIENCING SOME MIND-BLOWING SCIENCE FICTION HERE! THINK OF THE ADVANTAGES.
WHAT ADVANTAGES?
WELL, FOR ONE THING WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT EVER BEING COLD
-SIGH-
ODDLY ENOUGH THE FUR IS REALLY COMFORTABLE
IT FEELS JUST LIKE
LIKE
CASHMERE

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MONTOVARIUS MANOR THIS IS GENETIC EXPERIMENT THIRTEEN SPEAKING
ONE MOMENT, PLEASE
MASTER MORTY?
WHO DARES CALL UPON THE DOMINUS OF D N.A.? THE GENIUS OF GENETICS? THE MASTER OF MUTATION?!
OH HEY CASS
WELL, I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY
BUT I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING AROUND AND COLLECTING ALL MY PRIZE MONEY CAN I?
WHY FLINT? WHY NOT FLINT? HE--
WAIT A MINUTE WHO'S FLINT?
I SEE
THIRTEEN, DEAR? DID YOU GIVE THE PUNCH WITH THE SQUIRREL FORMULA TO THE GUY AT THE CATERING TABLE LIKE I ASKED?
YES, MASTER! WE HAD A NICE CONVERSATION ABOUT ANIME
SO HE TALKED TO YOU DID HE?
YES, MAST
DEMETRIUS IS A MUTE YOU DIM-WITTED, FUR-LICKING, !
YEAH, SORRY ABOUT THE MIX-UP THERE, CASS
I'VE GOT TO GO. APPARENTLY I STILL NEED TO REMOVE ONE STUDENT FROM THE COMPETITION
O'BYE.
CRACK

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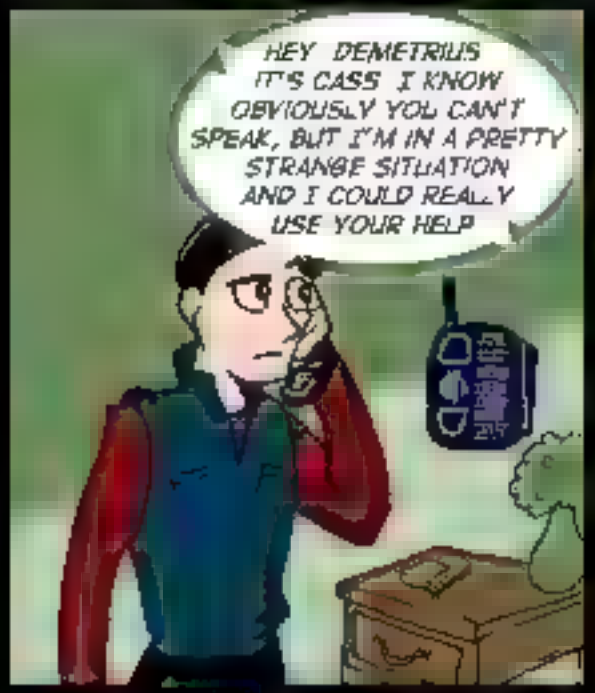
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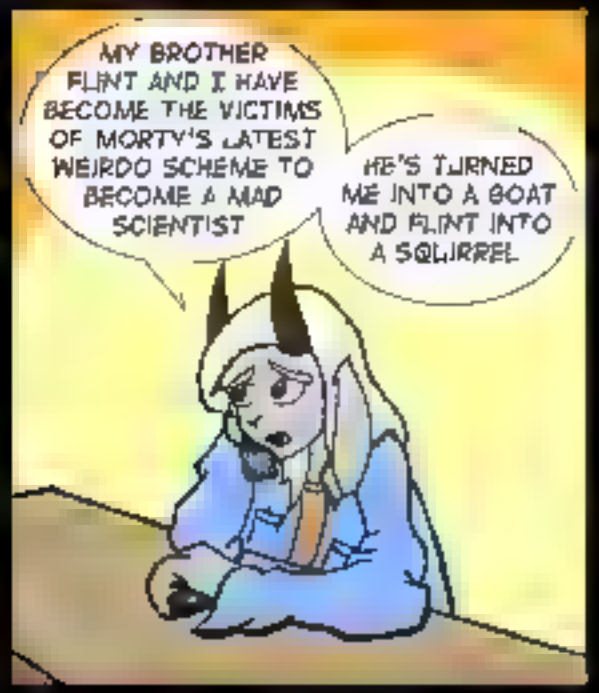
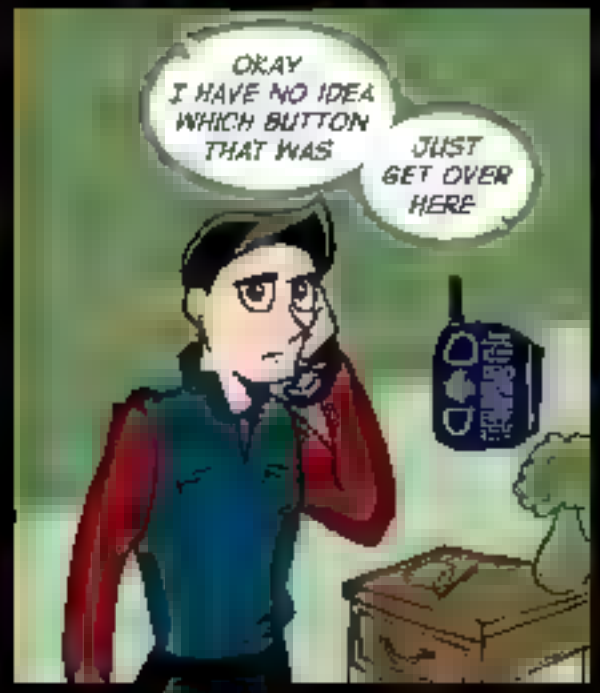

MY BROTHER FLINT AND I HAVE BECOME THE VICTIMS OF MORTY'S LATEST WEIRDO SCHEME TO BECOME A MAD SCIENTIST
HE'S TURNED ME INTO A GOAT AND FLINT INTO A SQUIRREL



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WHATCHA DOING?
DEMETRIUS HAS A LOT MORE KNOWLEDGE OF ANIMAL DNA THAN I DO.
I CALLED HIM OVER BECAUSE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY HOW MORTY WAS ABLE TO ALTER OUR GENETIC MAKEUP
HMM
HE NEEDS A SAMPLE OF UNALTERED GOAT AND SQUIRREL DNA TO MAKE SOME COMPARISSONS.
GREAT LET'S GET THAT KERIS GIRL TO CHASE A GOAT AND A SQUIRREL UP A TREE
I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA.
HOW IS BREAKING AND ENTERING A BETTER IDEA?

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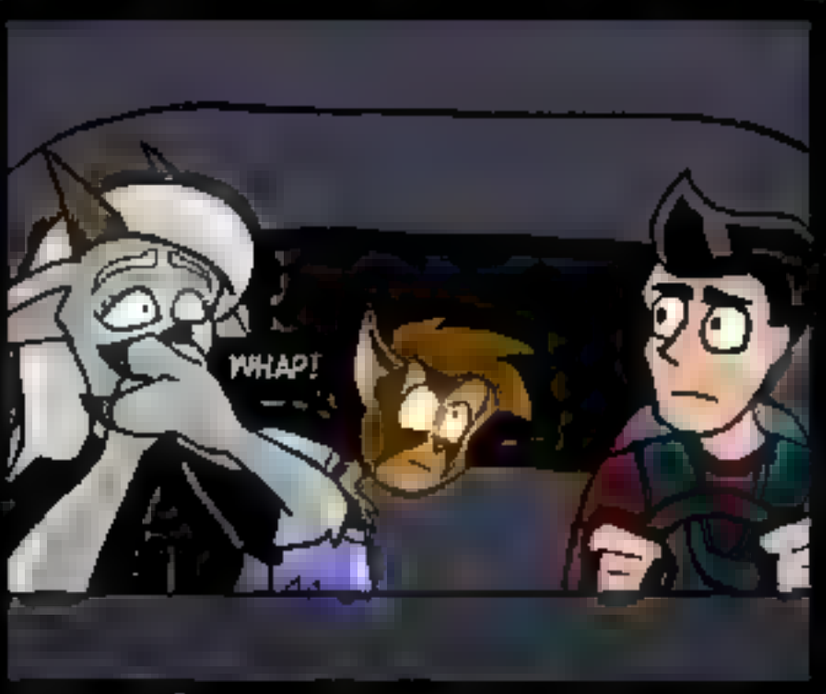
OKAY I'LL TRY SCALING THAT WALL OVER THERE I'LL BE BACK IN FIVE MINUTES
WAIT I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING. YOUR BOYFRIEND'S BEEN USING ANIMAL DNA IN HIS PROJECT, RIGHT? MAYBE HE'S GOT WHAT WE NEED

FIRST OFF, HE'S *NOT* MY BOYFRIEND
SECOND THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I'M GOING TO LET HIM SEE ME LIKE THIS.
BUT IF HE'S NOT YOUR BOYFRIEND, WHY DOES IT MATTER?



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STUPID FINGERS.
HOLD STILL. I NEED SOME OF YOUR WOOL
SNIP
HE JUST HAD TO PICK GOATS, DIDN'T HE? JUST CUZ OF MY STUPID NAME
AT LEAST HE LEFT ME PARTLY HUMAN.
I'D HATE TO BE LOCKED UP LIKE YOU GUYS, GETTING TOUCHED AND FED BY LITTLE KIDS ALL DAY
EH, IT'S A LIVING

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DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING?
OBSERVANT YOU ARE
BUT...
YOU'RE
HOLY CRAP
I'M NOT ACTUALLY TALKING RIGHT NOW, AM I?
"TALKING?" YOU MEAN "BLEATING?"
HOLY CRAP
ARE YOU GOING TO FREAK OUT ALL NIGHT OR ARE YOU GOING TO FINISH SHEARING ME?
SHH! I HEAR SOMEONE!

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I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE. THANK YOU FOR HIDING ME. AND FOR THE WOOL
BEFORE YOU GO. COULD YOU TELL ME.
WHAT'S IT LIKE OUT THERE? IN THE WORLD?
UM.
IT'S PRETTY STRESSFUL, ACTUALLY
YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GETTING A JOB, GETTING A HOUSE. LEARNING HOW TO SUPPORT YOURSELF AND TRY TO GET SATISFACTION OUT OF ALL THE HARD WORK
YOU'RE ON A SCHEDULE ALL THE TIME, PEOPLE ARE CONSTANTLY EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU, AND THERE ARE SOME WHO WANT YOU TO FAIL BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY
NOT TO MENTION LIVING IN FEAR OF RAPISTS, TERRORISTS, CANCER THE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON.
MAKES THE NOTION OF BEING FED AND PETTED ALL DAY PRETTY APPEALING DOESN'T IT?
START DRIVING BEFORE I DECIDE TO GO BACK TO THAT PEN AND STAY THERE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE

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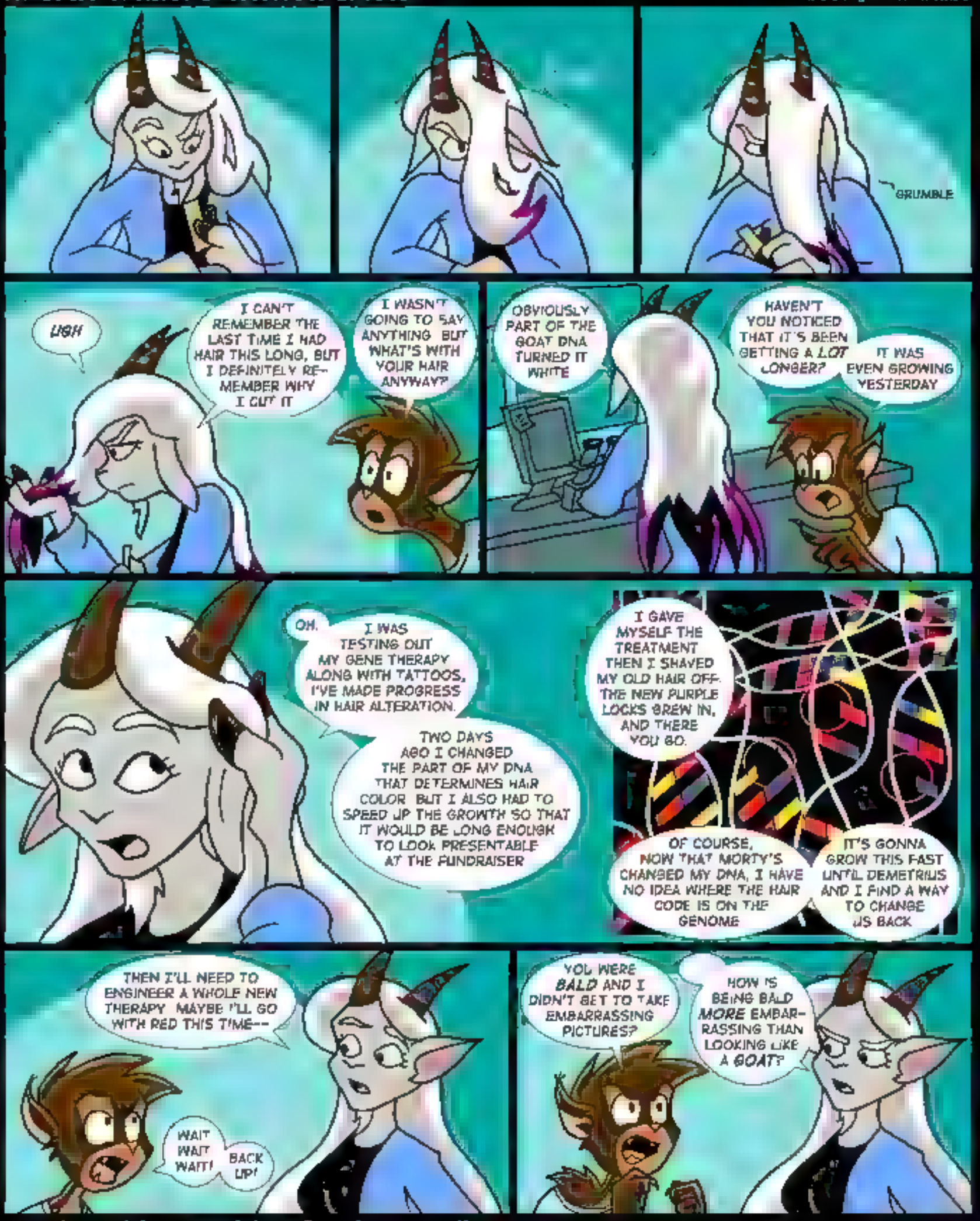
GRUMBLE
UGH
I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I HAD HAIR THIS LONG, BUT I DEFINITELY REMEMBER WHY I CUT IT
I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING BUT WHAT'S WITH YOUR HAIR ANYWAY?
OBVIOUSLY PART OF THE GOAT DNA TURNED IT WHITE
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THAT IT'S BEEN GETTING A LOT LONGER?
IT WAS EVEN GROWING YESTERDAY
OH.
I WAS TESTING OUT MY GENE THERAPY ALONG WITH TATTOOS, I'VE MADE PROGRESS IN HAIR ALTERATION.
TWO DAYS AGO I CHANGED THE PART OF MY DNA THAT DETERMINES HAIR COLOR BUT I ALSO HAD TO SPEED UP THE GROWTH SO THAT IT WOULD BE LONG ENOUGH TO LOOK PRESENTABLE AT THE FUNDRAISER
I GAVE MYSELF THE TREATMENT THEN I SHAVED MY OLD HAIR OFF. THE NEW PURPLE LOCKS GREW IN, AND THERE YOU GO.
OF COURSE, NOW THAT MORTY'S CHANGED MY DNA, I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE THE HAIR CODE IS ON THE GENOME
IT'S GONNA GROW THIS FAST UNTIL DEMETRIUS AND I FIND A WAY TO CHANGE US BACK
THEN I'LL NEED TO ENGINEER A WHOLE NEW THERAPY MAYBE I'LL GO WITH RED THIS TIME--
WAIT WAIT WAIT! BACK UP!
YOU WERE BALD AND I DIDN'T GET TO TAKE EMBARRASSING PICTURES?
HOW IS BEING BALD MORE EMBARRASSING THAN LOOKING LIKE A GOAT?

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IS IT DONE? WHAT DID YOU FIND?
OH. I SEE
WHAT?
WHAT?
FOREIGN BODY
I WAS REALLY HOPING WE COULD JUST ISOLATE THE ALTERED PAIRS AND SWITCH THEM BACK
GET TO THE POINT
THE POINT IS WE'RE STUCK LIKE THIS, FLINT! OUR GENES ARE LOCKED!
THAT STUPID JERK TURNED US INTO FREAKS AND HE MADE SURE IT WAS PERMANENT!
FINE ALMOST PERMANENT! BUT THE CHANCES OF US REVERSING THE MUTATION WITHOUT MORTY'S HELP ARE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE!
OH.
NO!
CAN I GO PLAY OUTSIDE NOW?

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DEMETRIUS, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN ME DAYS TO FIGURE THIS OUT ON MY OWN.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME I WIGGED OUT BEFORE, BUT I'VE GOT A GRIP ON IT NOW.
WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH GENETIC CONVERSION FOR A WHILE THIS KIND OF THING WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN
IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE
HAVE A GOOD NIGHT SEE YOU ON MONDAY

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B-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z-Z!
GOOD MORNING, MASTER
THE TIME IS EIGHT A.M YOUR CLOTHES HAVE BEEN PRESSED AND I'VE TAKEN THE LIBERTY OF DRAWING A WARM BATH
AAAH THE JOYS OF LIFE
THIS IS HOW SUNDAY MORNINGS SHOULD ALWAYS START
HAVE THERE BEEN ANY RESPONSES TO MY E-MAIL TO THE GENERAL?
NONE YET, MASTER
THAT DODGEY CRETIN!
FIRST HE WANTS TO ENGAGE IN A LUCRATIVE DISTRIBUTION CONTRACT AND NOW HE CONSISTENTLY IGNORES MY MESSAGES!
THIS IS THE WORST SUNDAY EVER!
OH! I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT I'LL BE MAKING CHOCOLATE-CHIP PANCAKES
THEY'LL BE READY IN TWENTY MINUTES
ON SECOND THOUGHT, THIS SUNDAY IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE AVERAGE!

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Bipolar Weekend
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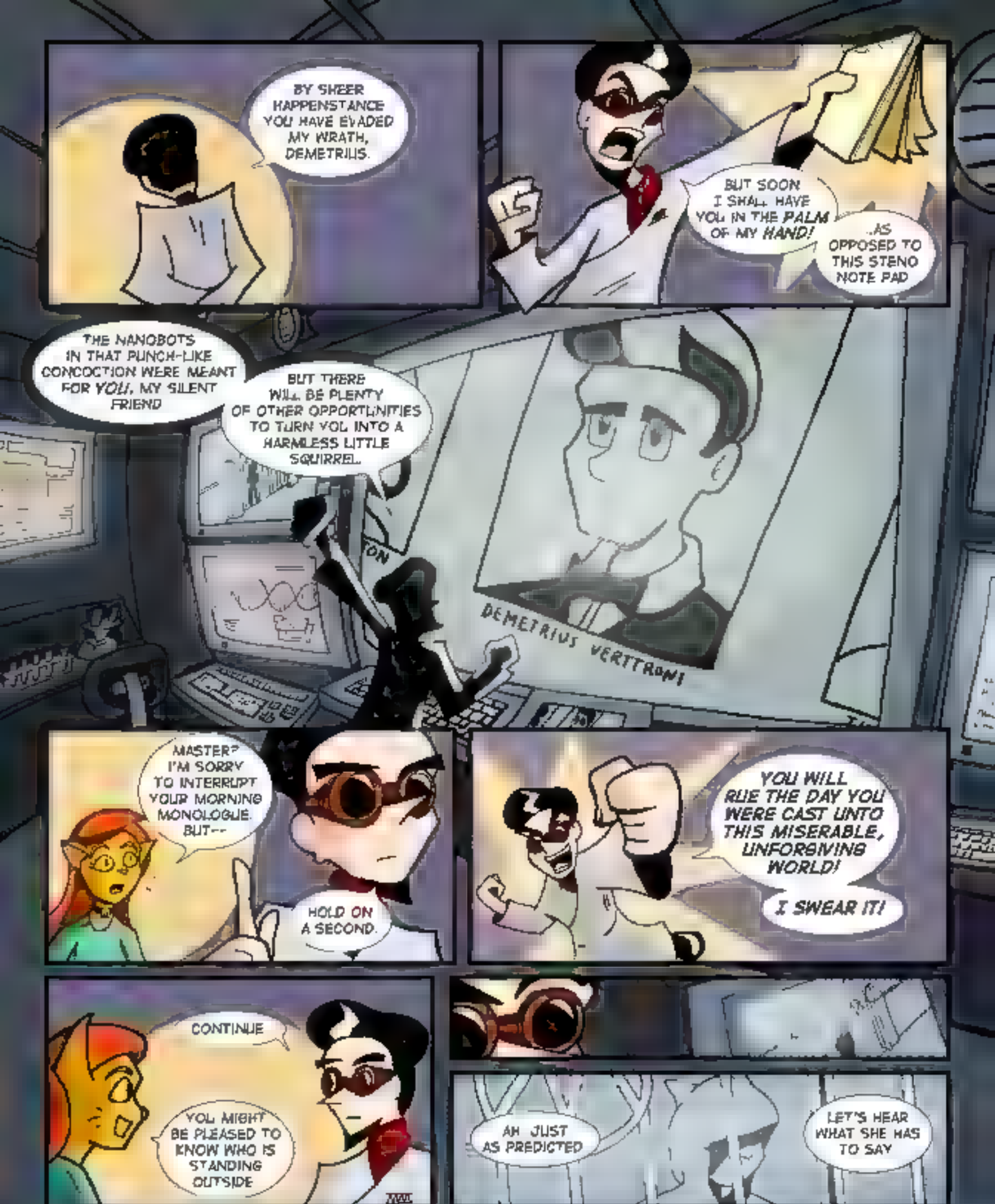
BY SHEER HAPPENSTANCE YOU HAVE EVADED MY WRATH, DEMETRIUS.
BUT SOON I SHALL HAVE YOU IN THE PALM OF MY HAND!
..AS OPPOSED TO THIS STENO NOTE PAD
THE NANOBOTS IN THAT PUNCH-LIKE CONCOCTION WERE MEANT FOR YOU, MY SILENT FRIEND
BUT THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO TURN YOU INTO A HARMLESS LITTLE SQUIRREL.
DEMETRIUS VERTTRON!
MASTER? I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR MORNING MONOLOGUE. BUT--
HOLD ON A SECOND.
YOU WILL RUE THE DAY YOU WERE CAST UNTO THIS MISERABLE, UNFORGIVING WORLD!
I SWEAR IT!
CONTINUE
YOU MIGHT BE PLEASED TO KNOW WHO IS STANDING OUTSIDE
AH JUST AS PREDICTED
LET'S HEAR WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY

I CAN TAKE YOUR COAT, MISS CALLOWAY
WELL, WELL, WELL
THE LONELY GOAT, SET APART FROM THE HERD OF HUMANITY
WE'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, CASHMERE

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XLV
The Lair of the Beast
02-11-08

COME TO LAY YOUR DEMANDS UPON ME, HAVE YOU?
FOUND NO SOLUTION ON YOUR OWN? PERHAPS NOAH COULD HELP YOU
OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU COULDN'T LET HIM IN ON YOUR FREAKISH LITTLE SECRET
THAT WOULD RUIN ANY PROSPECTS THE TWO OF YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD NOT THAT YOUR BOYFRIEND COULD FIGURE IT OUT, ANYWAY
WHY THE LONG FACE, MY FURRY FRIEND? WHERE ARE YOUR TRADEMARK COMEBACKS?
"DON'T CALL ME CASHMERE!" "HE'S NOT MY BOYFRIEND!"
COME ON, HIT ME WITH A GOOD ONE! I CAN TAKE IT
YOU WIN.

?
THIS IS ABOUT THE SENIOR PROJECT, ISN'T IT?
YOU DID THIS TO REDUCE THE COMPETITION.
FLINT'S NOT EVEN PART OF IT HE DOESN'T DESERVE TO HAVE HIS LIFE DESTROYED
AS FOR ME
I'LL STOP MY EXPERIMENTS I'LL FLUNK OUT OF SCHOOL YOU CAN HAVE YOUR STUPID PRIZE
PLEASE
MAKE US HUMAN AGAIN
I.
UH.
I CAN'T

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WHAT?
I CAN'T CHANGE YOU BACK
WHAT?!
THE NANOBOTS IN YOUR DRINK WERE ONLY DESIGNED TO MANUFACTURE GOAT DNA AND TO BLOCK ANY FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO ALTER IT
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO SHUT THEM DOWN
YOU CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT?
MY FATHER'S RESEARCH IS INCOMPLETE I JUST USED SOME OF HIS OLD NOTES
HE HASN'T BEEN HERE IN MONTHS. I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM.
CAN'T HE HELP US?
YOU'RE NOT DOING THIS RIGHT!
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO RESIST MY MANIACAL TORMENTS AND ATTACK WITH EQUAL OR SUPERIOR WIT!
THIS ISN'T ONE OF YOUR DAMNED FANTASIES!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO ME?
TO MY BROTHER?
CASS I'M
I'M...

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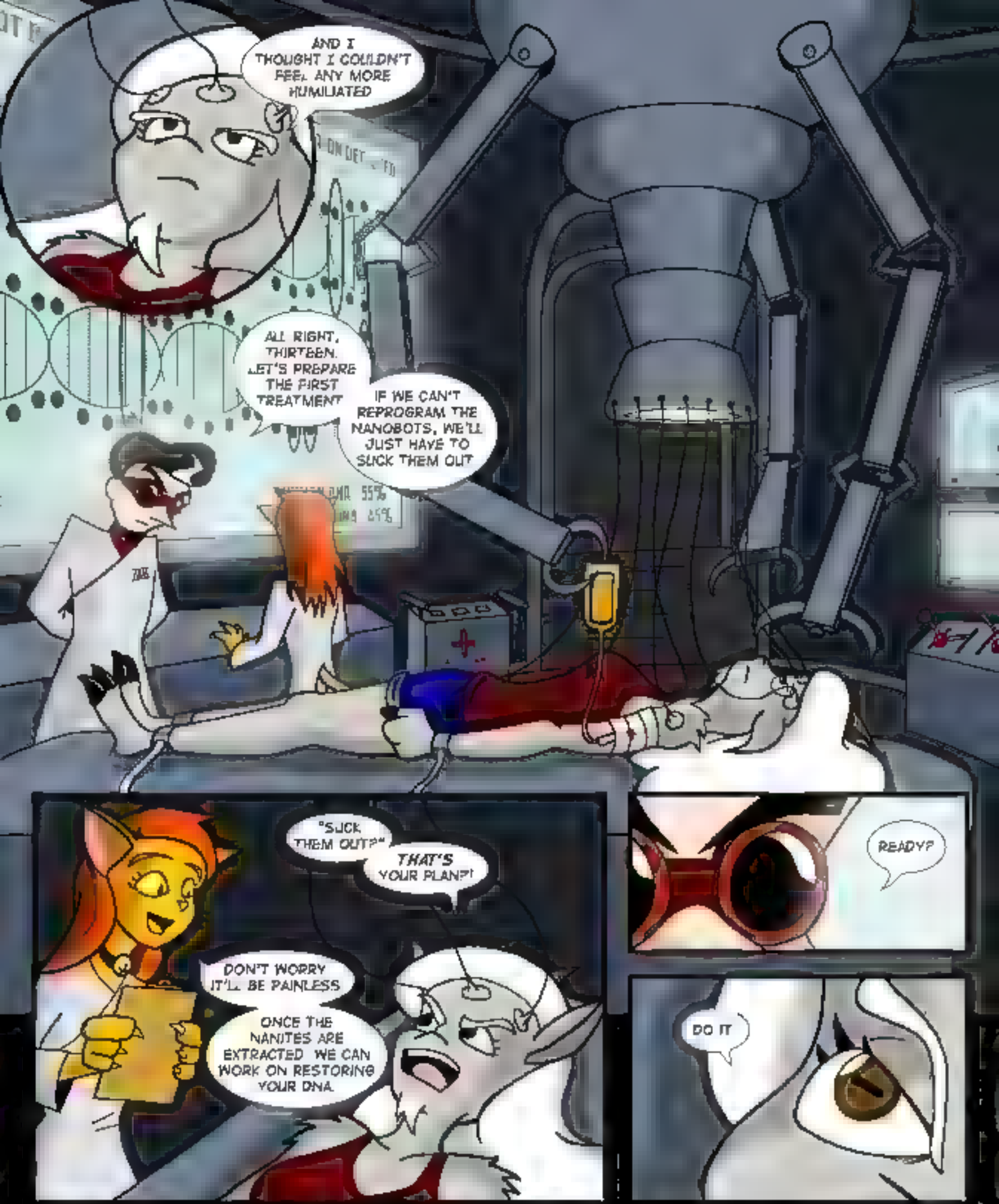
DON'T BOTHER
DON'T EVEN BOTHER
YOU'RE NOT SORRY YOU COULDN'T BE
YOU DIDN'T BAT AN EYE WHEN YOU TURNED KERIS INTO A MONSTER HOW IS THIS ANY DIFFERENT?
HERE!
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR LATEST CREATION!
LORD YOUR SUPERIOR INTELLECT OVER IT!
MOCK IT
MOCK ME, DAMN YOU!
GUESS THERE'S ONE GOOD THING
I'M STILL LESS OF A FREAK THAN YOU.
PLEASE!
PLEASE STAY


AND I THOUGHT I COULDN'T FEEL ANY MORE HUMILIATED
ALL RIGHT, THIRTEEN. LET'S PREPARE THE FIRST TREATMENT
IF WE CAN'T REPROGRAM THE NANOBOTS, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SUCK THEM OUT
"SUCK THEM OUT?"
THAT'S YOUR PLAN?!
DON'T WORRY IT'LL BE PAINLESS
ONCE THE NANITES ARE EXTRACTED WE CAN WORK ON RESTORING YOUR DNA
READY?
DO IT

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OFF
ON
GYAAAAAAAAAA!!
THE EXTRACTION IS WORKING! WHAT'S GOING WRONG?
HER DNA IS MUTATING AGAIN!
LOOK
THE ALTERED DNA IS EXPANDING WITHOUT THE NANITES!
IT'S CHANGING HER FURTHER
RRRRA-A-A-A-A-A!!
ABORT! ABORT!!

WELL?
THE OPERATION DIDN'T QUITE HAVE THE EFFECT WE WERE HOPING FOR
YOUR ORIGINAL TRANSFORMATION RENDERED YOUR GENES UNSTABLE
IT TURNS OUT THAT THE NANOBOTS WEREN'T ONLY PREVENTING EXTERNAL INFLUENCE OF YOUR DNA, THEY WERE ALSO LOCKING YOUR CODE SO IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ITSELF
WHEN WE STARTED THE EXTRACTION, THE GOAT DNA BEGAN TO TAKE OVER
OKAY, WELL...
'VE GOT A TAIL NOW
AWW, TAILS ARE FUN!
THEY'LL HELP YOU BALANCE ON YOUR NEW HOOVES!
AND GOSH IS YOURS LOVELY! I JUST WANT TO COMB IT AND BRAID IT UP-
THIRTEEN, NOW IS NOT THE BEST TIME TO ANNOY THE GOAT LADY

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THE BOTTOM LINE IS, WE CAN'T REMOVE THE NANITES WITHOUT LOSING YOUR HUMAN DNA COMPLETELY
'D HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO REPROGRAM THEM. AND THAT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE
POW!
SO 'M STUCK IKE THIS.
FOREVER
WELL, THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL PLAN...
MASTER!
WHEN HE WAKES UP, TELL YOUR "MASTER" THAT HE'S GOTTEN THE ARCH-ENEMY HE'S ALWAYS WANTED

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WOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
PUT THAT ON PAUSE, WOULD YOU? WE NEED TO TALK.
UH···OH.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MORTY CAN CHANGE US BACK
FOR NOW AT LEAST WHICH MEANS YOU AND I ARE GOING TO BE LIKE THIS FOR A LONG TIME
I NEED TO KNOW IF YOU CAN ACCEPT THAT
CASS, I MEAN THIS WITH ALL DUE RESPECT SINCE YOU'RE MY BIG SISTER AND EVERY THING
LIGHTEN UP!
OH COURSH WHA WASH I HINKING?

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LOOKIN' COOL, SIS
I'M SCARED REALLY SCARED
EVER SINCE YOU STARTED GOING TO THAT SCHOOL YOU TRIED TO STAND OUT
IS THIS ANY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE TACKY GOTH CLOTHES YOU USUALLY WEAR?
YES
MUCH DIFFERENT
I CAN'T WAIT TO SHOW EVERYBODY!
THE FIRST THING I'M GONNA DO IS TAKE A FLYING LEAP OFF THE JUNGLE GYM!
OH NO YOU DON'T
NO GOING OUTSIDE MEANS NO GOING TO SCHOOL EITHER.
CASS, COME ON!
I WANT TO GO TO SCHOOL!
DON'T TELL ANYONE I JUST SAID THAT

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WISH I COULD TAKE MY OWN ADVICE AND STAY HOME WITH FLINT BUT I CAN'T MISS THIS [redacted]TING WITH DOCTOR ATTIC.
SIMON THOMAS ATTIC HALL
MY FUTURE AS A HUMAN IS ALREADY OVER I CAN'T THROW OUT MY FUTURE AS A SCIENTIST
BESIDES. IF I DON'T SHOW MY FACE, THAT MONSTER WILL GET AWAY SCOTT FREE THIS IS THE ONLY CHANCE I'VE GOT TO MAKE HIM PAY FOR EVERYTHING HE'S DONE
AS FOR EVERYONE ELSE JUST BREATHE DEEP AND TRY NOT TO ATTRACT TOO MANY STARES
--DECIDED I NEEDED TO BALANCE THINGS OUT MY BACK WAS KILLING ME
WHAT THE--?
CASS?
WONDERFUL

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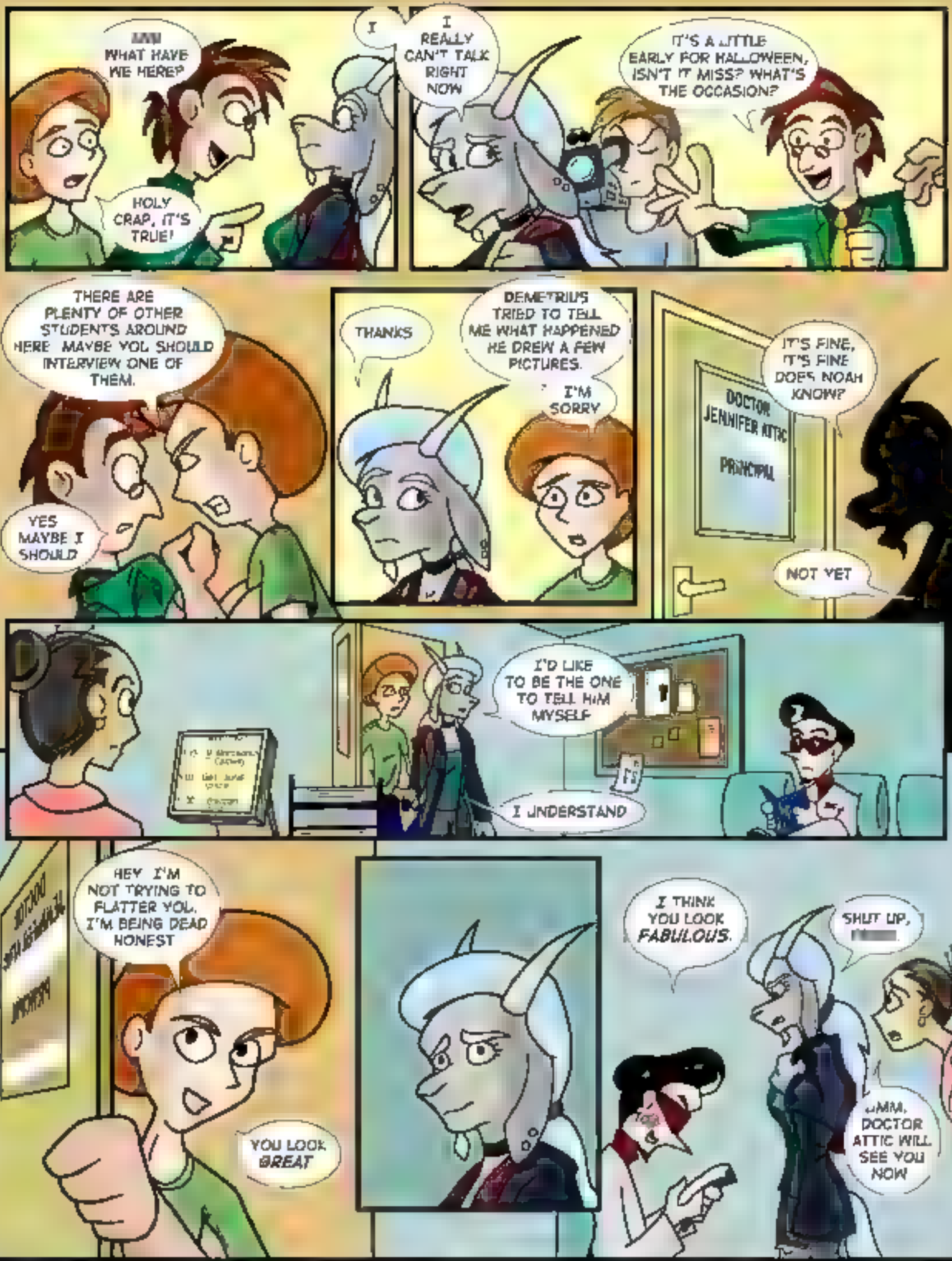
UMM WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
HOLY CRAP, IT'S TRUE!
I
I REALLY CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW
IT'S A LITTLE EARLY FOR HALLOWEEN, ISN'T IT MISS? WHAT'S THE OCCASION?
THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER STUDENTS AROUND HERE MAYBE YOU SHOULD INTERVIEW ONE OF THEM.
YES MAYBE I SHOULD
THANKS
DEMETRIUS TRIED TO TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED HE DREW A FEW PICTURES.
I'M SORRY
DOCTOR JENNIFER ATTIC PRINCIPAL
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE DOES NOAH KNOW?
NOT YET
I'D LIKE TO BE THE ONE TO TELL HIM MYSELF
I UNDERSTAND
HEY I'M NOT TRYING TO FLATTER YOU, I'M BEING DEAD HONEST
YOU LOOK GREAT
I THINK YOU LOOK FABULOUS.
SHUT UP,
UMM, DOCTOR ATTIC WILL SEE YOU NOW

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CA. CASHMERE?! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
DOCTOR ATTIC, THERE'S A FEW THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THIS WHOLE SITUATION
MORTY
PLEASE EXCUSE MY APPEARANCE
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT IN MY LAB OVER THE WEEKEND I SEEM TO HAVE BEEN--
THANK YOU, CASHMERE, BUT YOUR MERCY IS UNNECESSARY
I'M PREPARED TO MAKE A FULL CONFESSION.
MAN, WHO EVER THOUGHT I'D FIND A WAY TO GET BORED PLAYING VIDEO GAMES?
SCRIPTER

HI! I'M FLINT
HI! I'M A SQUIRREL
YOU DON'T HAVE A NAME?
SQUIRRELS DON'T GIVE EACH OTHER NAMES.
OH.
WANNA PLAY A VIDEO GAME?
YOUR BROTHER WAS CHANGED AS WELL?
YES
AND WHAT ABOUT THAT GIRL WITH YOU FRIDAY NIGHT, MORTIMER?
SHE WASN'T WEARING MAKEUP, WAS SHE?
THIRTEEN IS UNRELATED TO THIS ISSUE. I USED MY FATHER'S RESEARCH ON HUMAN/ANIMAL HYBRIDS TO CREATE HER FROM SCRATCH.
SO... NOAH'S RAY GUN, YOUR FATHER'S RESEARCH.
ALL OF YOUR IDEAS HAVE EITHER BEEN BORROWED OR STOLEN
I PREFER TO USE THE TERM "CREATIVE REINTERPRETATION."

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I'VE HEARD ENOUGH.
YOUR CONFESSION, ADMIRABLE AS IT WAS, DOESN'T MAKE THIS ANY LESS SERIOUS
YOU APPROPRIATED MR. SONAR'S NOTES TO GET AN EDGE IN THE COMPETITION. YOU ALTERED THE DNA OF TWO INNOCENT PEOPLE
YOU WILLFULLY USED AN UNTESTED INVENTION AGAINST MY DAUGHTER, AND YOU ENDANGERED THE SAFETY OF HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE
YOUR ACTIONS NOT ONLY TARNISH THE REPUTATION OF THIS SCHOOL... THEY DEFY THE VERY MORAL CODE OF LIFE ITSELF.
IT'S ALL TOO CLEAR WHAT ACTION I HAVE TO TAKE
YOU ARE HEREBY *EXPELLED* FROM THIS SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
YOU LIGHT SQUIRRELS ON *FIRE*?!
WITH YOUR *MIND*
CAN WE JUST PLAY FOUR SWORDS AGAIN?

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HE'S ONLY EXPELLED? THAT'S ALL?
OH, NO
MORTY WILL BE CHARGED AS A MINOR FOR WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FUNDRAISER.
IT'S THE ONLY "CRIME" HE'S COMMITTED BY THE LAW'S STANDARDS.
THAT WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM, THOUGH. YOUR FRIEND, NOAH SONAR, IS WORKING ON RESTORING KERIS AS WE SPEAK ..
BUT HE ISN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE MODIFICATIONS MR. MONTOVARIUS HAS MADE TO THE DESIGN.
DOCTOR, IF YOU HAVE ANY TRUST LEFT IN ME
I CAN HELP
ALL RIGHT! TAKE THAT GANON-DWEEB!
THAT WAS FUN!
HEY, DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? THESE GAMES CAN HAVE UP TO FOUR PLAYERS
ACTUALLY, I HAVE TO BE GETTING BACK TO MY NEST
MY FAMILY'S BEEN STORING UP NUTS FOR THE WINTER, AND WITH THE LOW YIELD THIS YEAR IT'S PRETTY HARD
HRMM.

BUT IF YOU COULDN'T RESTORE CASHMERE HOW CAN YOU RESTORE KERIS?
THEIR METHODS OF TRANSFORMATION ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT CASS HAS AN ARMY OF NANOBOTS LOCKING HER GENETIC CODE FROM MODIFICATION
WHEREAS KERIS CAN BE FREELY MODIFIED, PARTICULARLY BY THE EXACT THING THAT CHANGED HER TO BEGIN WITH
THEY'RE IN HERE. NOAH SHOULD BE ALMOST FINISHED PREPARING THE MACHINE
NOAH'S IN THERE?
OF COURSE.
IF IT'S OKAY, DOCTOR, I THINK I'D BETTER GET BACK TO MY CLASSES
I'VE ALREADY MISSED CHEMISTRY AND THERE REALLY ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN DO TO HELP HERE.
I'M A MOTHER OF THREE.
DON'T THINK I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.
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Lab 4
For Genetics Students and Faculty Only
GO INSIDE AND TALK TO HIM FOR BOTH YOUR SAKES

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LXIV
Guess Who?
07-11-08

QUICK, BACK INTO THE HALL...
DOCTOR, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
KERI'S WON'T ATTACK US SHE MAY BE A BEAST, BUT SHE STILL HAS INSTINCTS.
YOU RECOGNIZE ME DON'T YOU, KERI'S?
I'M YOUR MOTHER
GROWL!
CALM DOWN. PLEASE CONTROL YOURSELF
HOLY %E#@!
GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!!!

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RAWWR!
CRASH
LAB 3
I WAS AFRAID SHE MIGHT CHANGE BACK TO HER LARGER FORM EVENTUALLY HER GENES ARE ALMOST AS UNSTABLE AS YOURS
NICE HEADBUTT, BY THE WAY. I THINK YOU BROKE A FEW OF HER RIBS
IT WAS SO WEIRD MY BODY JUST DECIDED TO TAKE OVER
OH, GOD
SHE'S STILL ALIVE! WE'VE GOT TO GET HER TO THE HOSPITAL!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! HELP ME!
NO

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LXVII
Is There a Doctor in the House (Besides This One)?
08-01-08

"NO?!"
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WE TOLD HER EVERYTHING I DID
NOW IT CAN REMAIN A SECRET I CAN STAY IN THE COMPETITION.
DON'T YOU DARE SAY THAT!
YOU PLANTED SUCH STUPID IDEAS IN MY HEAD
EVERYTHING WAS SIMPLE UNTIL YOU CHANGED THE PLAN. I PLAYED T YOUR WAY, AND FOR WHAT?
I GOT EXPELLED! I MIGHT EVEN GO TO JAIL!
FROM NOW ON. WE DO THIS MY WAY
WAIT!
COME BACK!

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His Way is the Highway
06-06-08

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LXIX
Tense Enough for You?
08-15-08

JEN? JEN CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IT'S TOO LATE ISN'T IT?
IT'S TOO LATE
NO, IT'S NOT
BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO SAVE DOCTOR ATTIC
WE NEED TO GET THAT RAY GUN BACK.

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OKAY, THAT'S EVERY NUT IN THE HOUSE.
WOW! THIS will COVER MY SHARE FOR THE WHOLE WINTER
I CAN GET MY SISTER TO BUY SOME MORE IF YOU EVER NEED IT
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
DO YOU MIND CARRYING THESE BACK TO MY NEST? YOU CAN MEET THE FAMILY
I'D LIKE TO, BUT
I PROMISED NOT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE. I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE IN THE BACKYARD.
NEVER MIND, THEN. I CAN HANDLE IT
COME BACK WHENEVER YOU WANT. JUST TAP ON THE WINDOW

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Suppress Your Inner Squirrel
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Sweeping the Competition
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SHE'S SOMEWHAT BIGGER THAN I REMEMBER
I TAKE IT HERO-BOY'S SALAMANDER SERUM WENT A LITTLE HAYWIRE.
DO YOU *REALLY* THINK YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO CRITICIZE SOMEONE'S RUNAWAY SCIENCE PROJECT?

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Pots and Kettles
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TRY NOT TO KILL EACH OTHER YOU TWO I'LL BE BACK IN A SEC
HEY! I'M GONNA NEED THAT
JEN NEEDS IT MORE. WE'VE GOT WORK TO DO
AND HOW DO YOU PROPOSE WE STOP KIBBLE KONG WITHOUT A DEUS EX MACHINA?
WE DO WHAT SCIENTISTS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO.
WE THINK
SO, YOU WANT A DEUS EX MACHINA?
I JUST REMEMBERED WE'RE IN A SCHOOL FULL OF THEM.

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IT'S QUITE AN UNORTHODOX PLAN CASHMERE I'M IMPRESSED
GRRRRR
TO BE HONEST, I'M SURPRISED IT'S GOING SO WELL...
NOT AS WELL AS IT COULD
SO FAR THEY'VE ONLY MANAGED TO SLOW HER DOWN.
THAT'S ALL THEY NEEDED TO DO.
HMM?
GREAT WORK CASS! NOW MOMMY CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE

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LIKE
BUT
WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE GONNA USE THE RAY GUN TO SAVE DOCTOR ATTIC THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I EXPECTED
IT'S THE PERFECT TWO-FER
THE TRANS-FORMATION REPAIRS HER INJURIES, AND GIVES HER A FORM TO MATCH KERIS'
YOU DOLT BY DOG STANDARDS, THE DOC'S AN OLD WEAKLING AND KERIS IS AT HER PRIME!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET HER MAULED AGAIN!
SHE JUST NEEDS TO KEEP KERIS IN ONE PLACE LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO DO THIS!

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THE GUN IS FINALLY PROGRAMMED TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMAN AND CANINE DNA
NOW, NOT ONLY IS IT ABLE TO CHANGE THEM BOTH BACK
IT'S ABLE TO KEEP KERI'S CANINE DNA SUPPRESSED TO PREVENT HER FROM CHANGING AGAIN
GRRR
MMMUH.
MOM?
EEEEK!
LIKE, SOMEBODY GET ME A COAT!
WE'RE ALL MATURE HERE, KERIS
OKAY, SORRY, NOT ALL OF US.
I WANT TO GO HOME NOW

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YOU WANT ME TO GO TO THE STORE? LOOKING LIKE THIS?
FOR A BUNCH OF NUTS?!
WHAT ABOUT KERIS' POODLE?
I NEED TO FIND A WAY TO PHYSICALLY SEPARATE THE TWO GENES UNTIL THEN, THE CANINE DNA IS LOCKED DOWN IN A DORMANT STATE.
SHE CAN'T TRANSFORM AGAIN BUT WE CAN'T BRING HER DOG BACK YET EITHER
FINE, I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO BYE
AHEM.
DON'T YOU HAVE A COURT HEARING TO PREPARE FOR?
IF I MAY HAVE A MOMENT, PLEASE
FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY I WANTED TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THIS SCHOOL YOU'VE SHOWN ME THAT MY METHOD WAS FLAWED
I SHOULD BE GLOATING ABOUT MY ROLE IN CREATING TODAY'S EVENTS THIS IS MY DAY OF TRIUMPH
BUT INSTEAD I FEEL EMPTY.
YOU SHOULD FEEL WORSE THAN THAT, YOU TWISTED--
HOLD ON, TRIPLE-A
CASHMERE
CASS
I APOLOGIZE
DURING MY SUSPENSION I WILL BE WORKING TIRELESSLY TO UNDO WHAT I'VE DONE
APOLOGY ACCEPTED

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SEE YOU GUYS TOMORROW
BYE, ASH!
THAT WAS SURPRISING. YOU ACTUALLY *FORGAVE* MORTY?
ACTUALLY, I WAS GOING TO PUNCH HIM IN THE FACE AGAIN.
BUT I JUST HAVE TO LET THIS GO HE'S HONESTLY TRYING TO CHANGE BESIDES, STAYING MAD WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING
AND WHAT ABOUT *THIS?* HOW DO YOU FEEL?
HUMILIATED
VIOLATED
BUT I CAN DEAL
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? I COULD HAVE HELPED.
YOU *COULD* HAVE BUT I CAN ASK THE SAME QUESTION TO *YOU*, AMPHIBIAN-BOY.
POINT TAKEN
WE'VE NEEDED TO DISCUSS SOMETHING FOR A LONG TIME. BUT I'VE BEEN TOO NERVOUS TO BRING IT UP
I HATE TO SAY IT BUT WHAT MORTY'S PUT US THROUGH HAS GIVEN ME A MORE *UNIQUE* PERSPECTIVE
OF WHAT?
OF YOU AND ME

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WHEN I CAME HERE THIS MORNING THE THING I WAS MOST AFRAID OF WAS YOU SEEING ME
BUT THEN I SAW YOU, AND I REALIZED THAT HOWEVER DIFFERENT YOU LOOK, I DON'T CARE
HOPE... I REALLY HOPE
THAT YOU DON'T CARE. EITHER
OKAY THEN
YOU READY FOR SOME GOOD NEWS?
SO AM I YOUR BOYFRIEND YET?
OH MY GOD YES.

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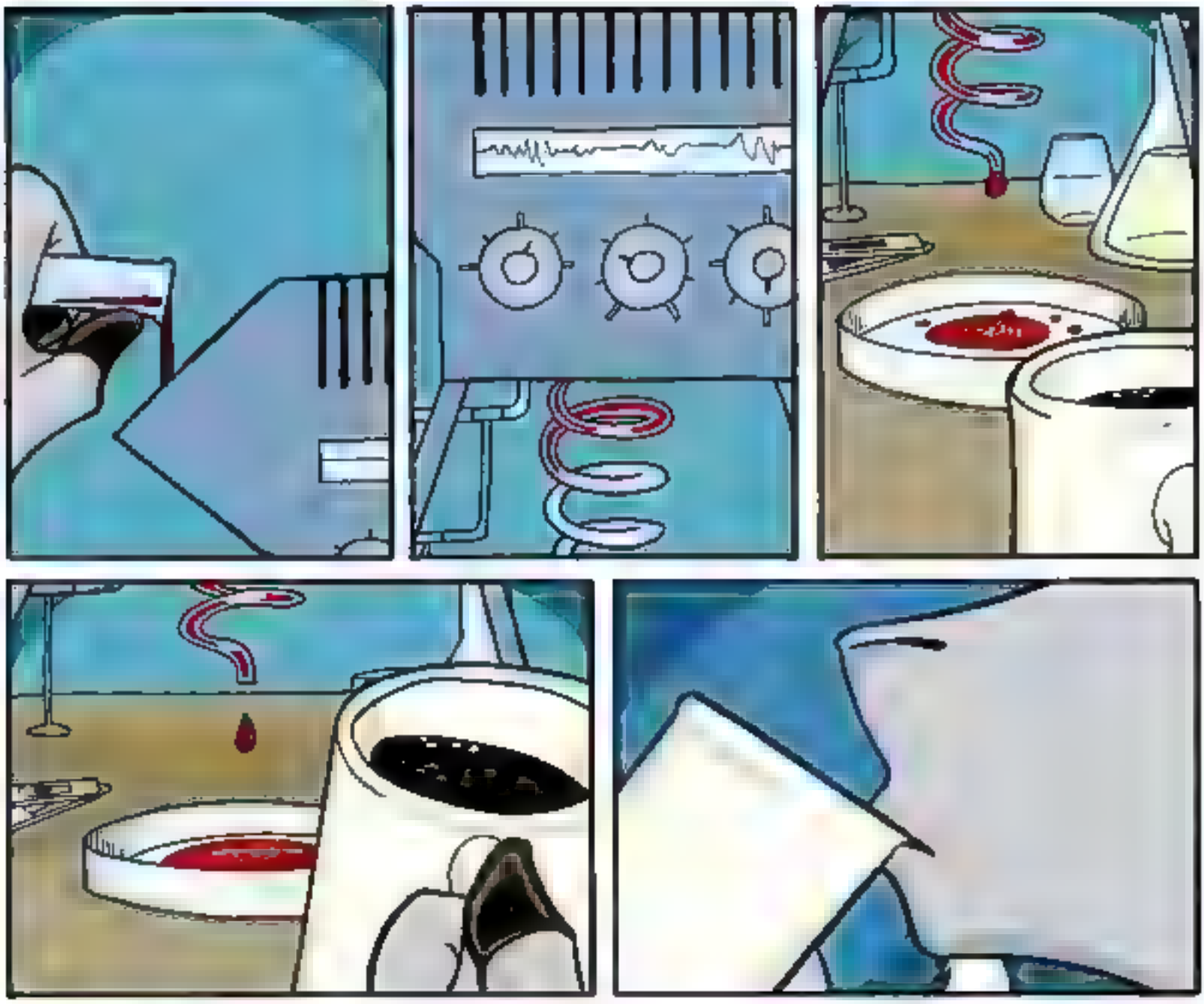
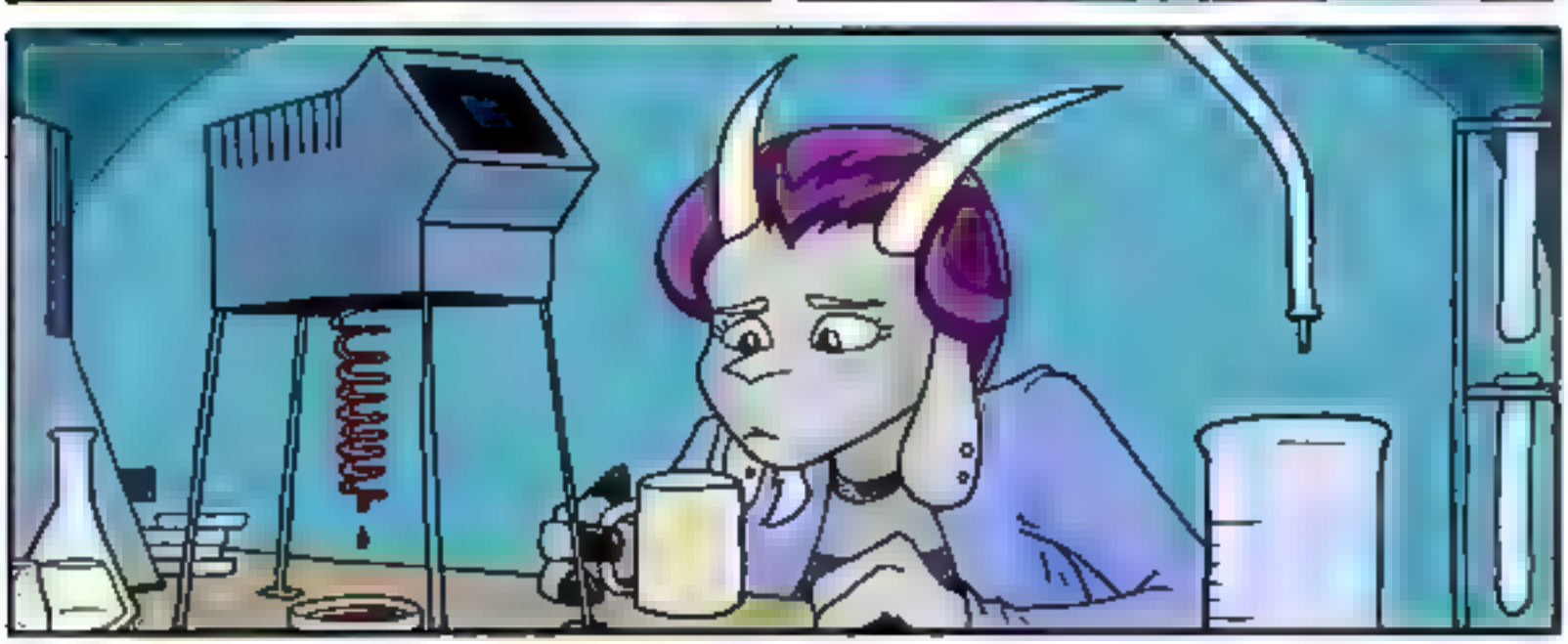
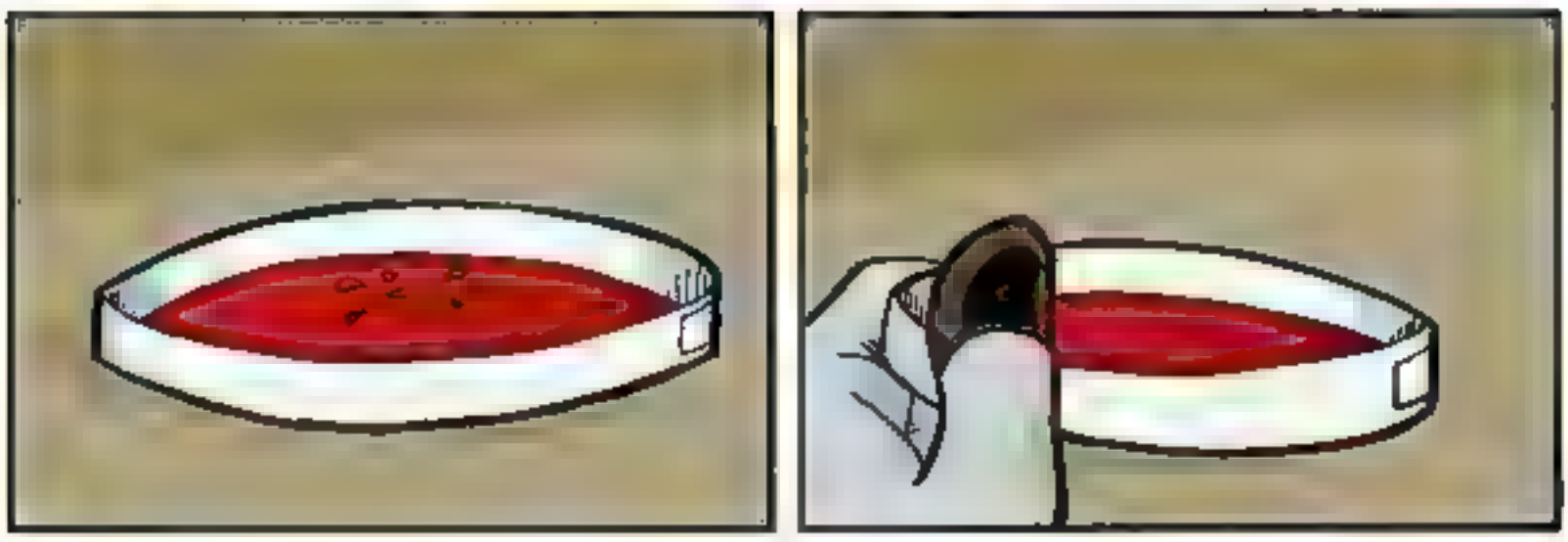
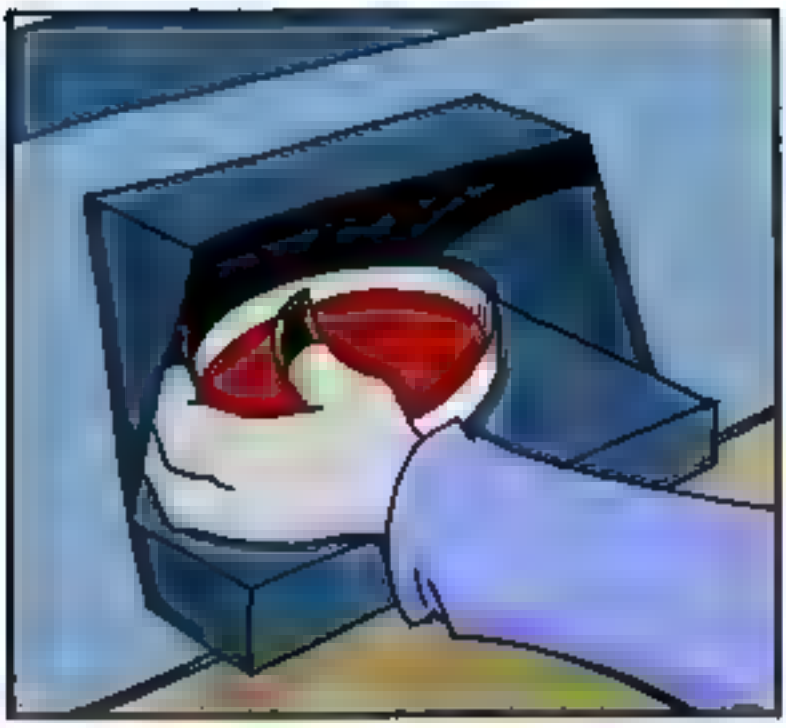
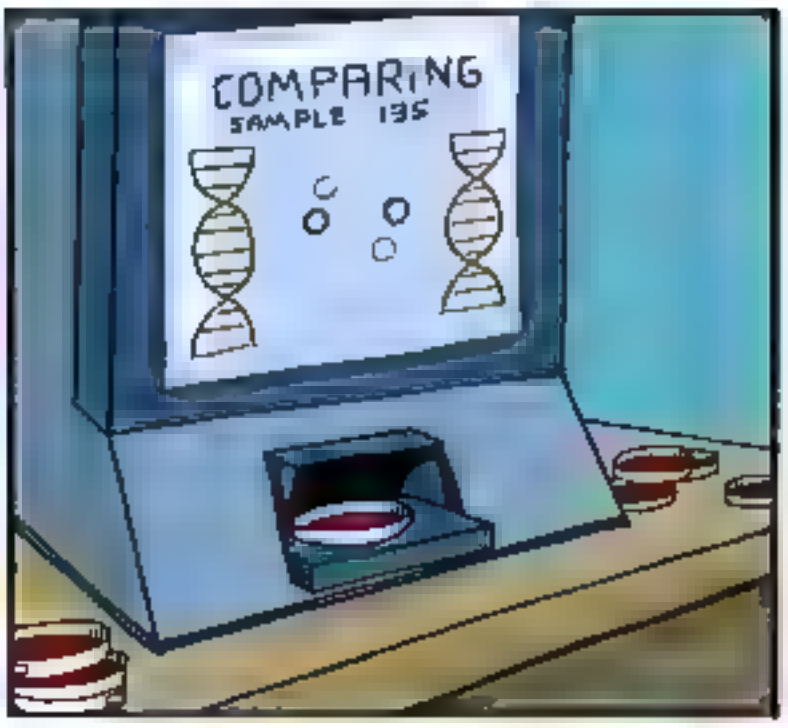
HONEY, MY POINT IS THAT DESPITE HOW COOL IT ALL WAS.
.. YOU AND OUR DAUGHTER WERE DRIVEN INSANE AND ALMOST FOUGHT TO THE DEATH THE THOUGHT OF WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED--
STOP RIGHT THERE SIN.
WE'RE BACK WE'RE OKAY.
HOW ARE YOU TAKING IT SO WELL? YOU COULD HAVE DIED, OR BEEN STUCK AS THAT HORRIBLE MONSTER
I'M NOT TAKING IT AS WELL AS YOU THINK
THE STUDENTS TAUGHT THEIR PRINCIPAL A LESSON TODAY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THIS SCHOOL IS MY DREAM I HELP THE BRIGHTEST YOUNG MINDS EXPLORE THE UNKNOWN FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE
TODAY I SAW A GLIMPSE OF THE TRUE POTENTIAL OF THIS SCHOOL.
AND IT TERRIFIES ME







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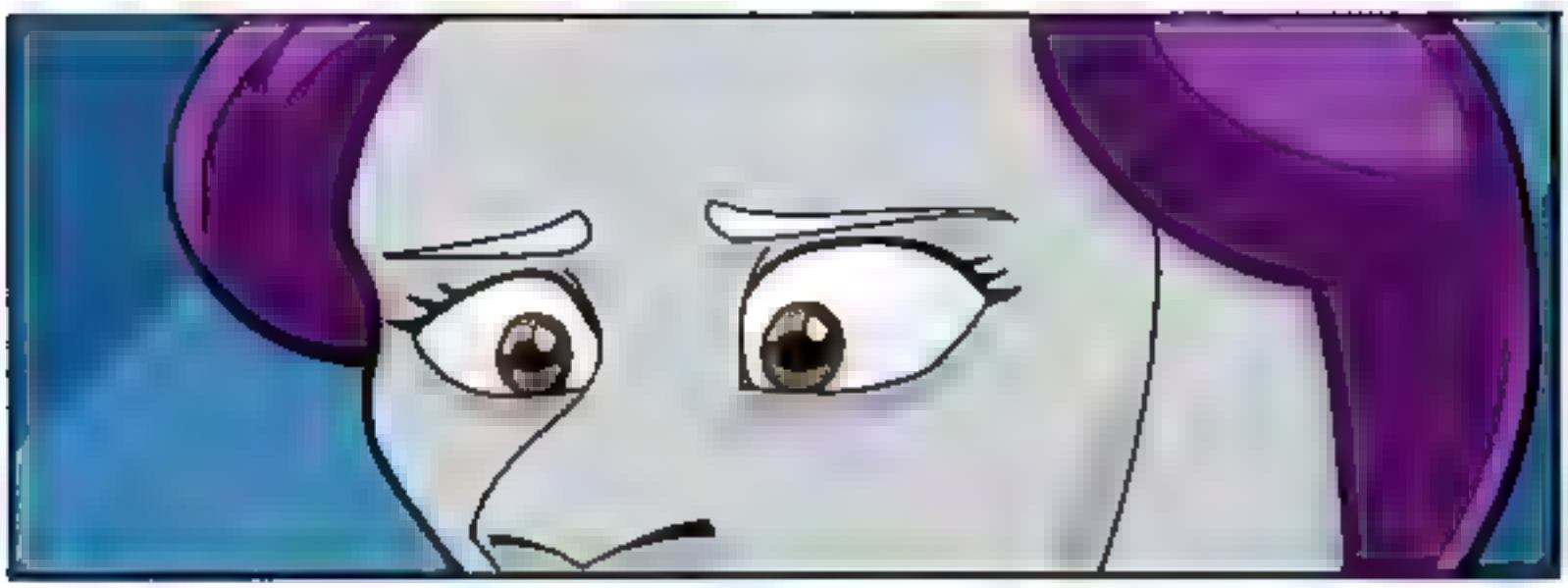

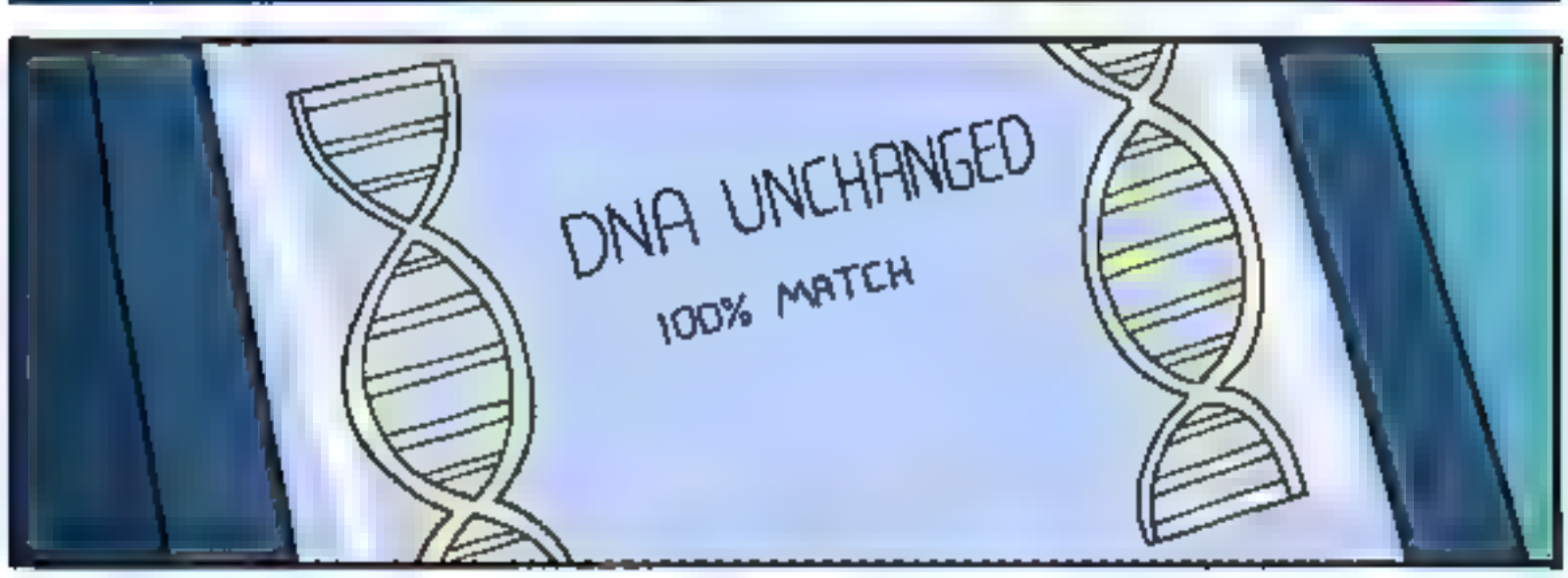
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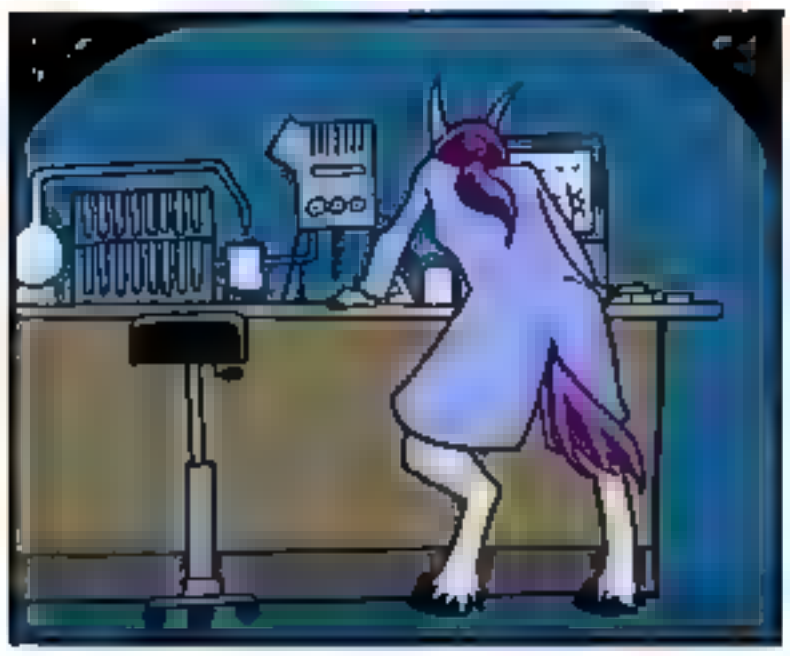

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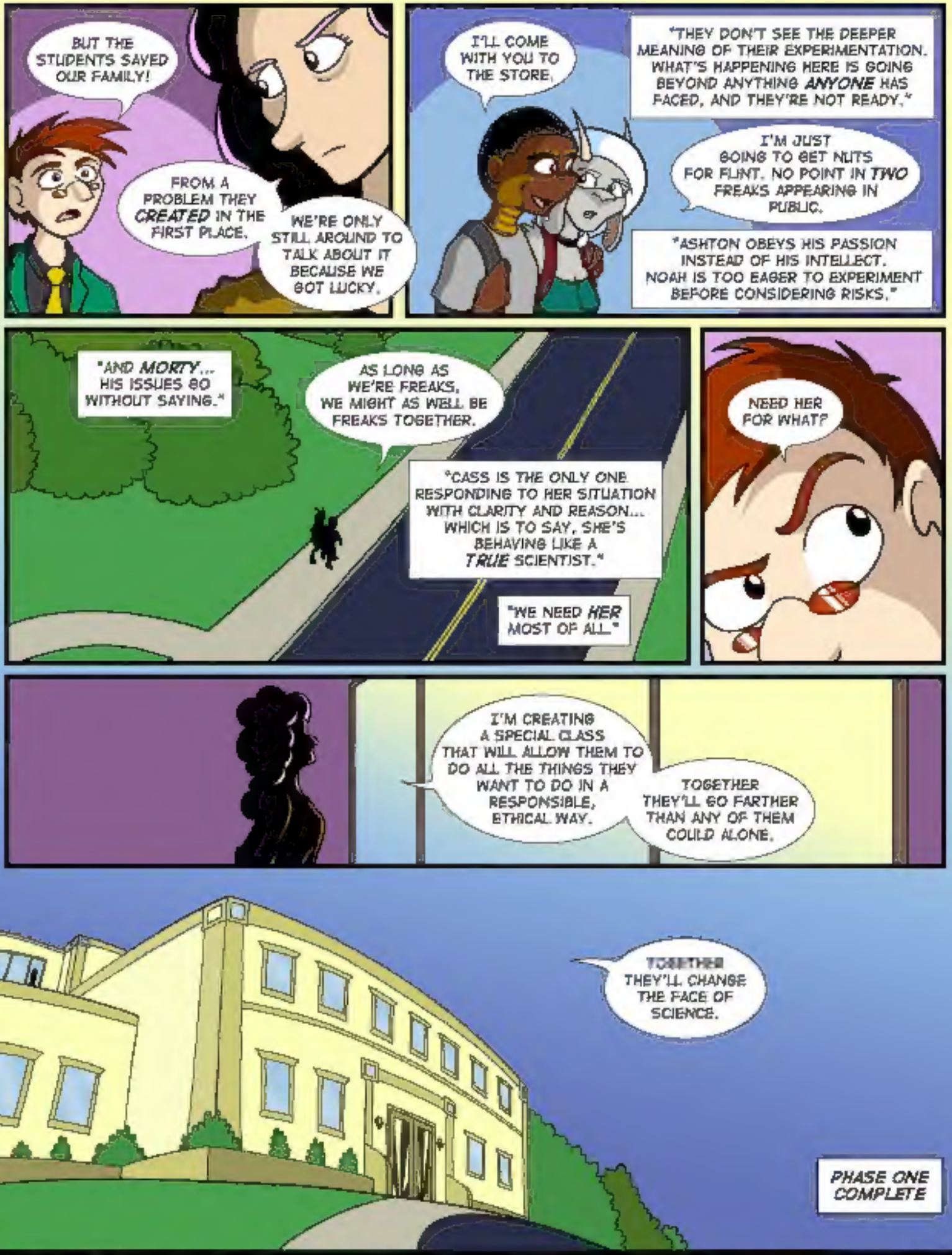
BUT THE STUDENTS SAVED OUR FAMILY!
FROM A PROBLEM THEY *CREATED* IN THE FIRST PLACE.
WE'RE ONLY STILL AROUND TO TALK ABOUT IT BECAUSE WE GOT LUCKY.
I'LL COME WITH YOU TO THE STORE.
"THEY DON'T SEE THE DEEPER MEANING OF THEIR EXPERIMENTATION. WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IS GOING BEYOND ANYTHING *ANYONE* HAS FACED, AND THEY'RE NOT READY."
I'M JUST GOING TO GET NUTS FOR FLINT. NO POINT IN *TWO* FREAKS APPEARING IN PUBLIC.
"ASHTON OBEYS HIS PASSION INSTEAD OF HIS INTELLECT. NOAH IS TOO EAGER TO EXPERIMENT BEFORE CONSIDERING RISKS."
"AND *MORTY*... HIS ISSUES GO WITHOUT SAYING."
AS LONG AS WE'RE FREAKS, WE MIGHT AS WELL BE FREAKS TOGETHER.
"CASS IS THE ONLY ONE RESPONDING TO HER SITUATION WITH CLARITY AND REASON... WHICH IS TO SAY, SHE'S BEHAVING LIKE A *TRUE* SCIENTIST."
"WE NEED *HER* MOST OF ALL."
NEED HER FOR WHAT?
I'M CREATING A SPECIAL CLASS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO DO ALL THE THINGS THEY WANT TO DO IN A RESPONSIBLE, ETHICAL WAY.
TOGETHER THEY'LL GO FARTHER THAN ANY OF THEM COULD ALONE.
TOGETHER THEY'LL CHANGE THE FACE OF SCIENCE.
PHASE ONE COMPLETE

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Burgeoning Scientific Minds
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THRITEEN? IS LUNCH READY YET?
I CANNOT MONOLOGUE ON AN EMPTY STOMACH
YES, MASTER
IT'S ALMOST READY
HERE'S YOUR EGG
SALAD SANDWICH, MASTER
YES, EXCELLENT
MY FAVORITE
THERE WILL BE MUCH PAIN AND
SUFFERING ONCE I FINISH LUNCH
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WHAT THE -CLUCK-?!
MASTER?!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
WAS THAT AN EGG?...
... YOU SMELL KIND OF DELICIOUS, SIR
NOTE TO SELF:
DO NOT LEAVE EXPERIMENTS
IN THE SAME FRIDGE AS LUNCH